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# editors' note

To begin this note, we would like to thank our advisor, **Timm Pilcher**. He has been, and will continue to be, an inspiration to us. Because of that, we are dedicating the book to him. His room became our safe-haven, more like a second home. This year was our senior year, our third and final year to work on the *Husky*. We wanted to make it good. This past summer we went to a workshop at the University of Kansas and got great ideas. That was actually where we got the idea for the theme. **Jan Watt** was telling us about how no matter what, you are who you are, and that cannot be changed. Hoover is made up of so many different people, but we all have some kind of common ground. We are all students, some involved with clubs or sports, all attend classes, all have teachers and we are all individuals. To incorporate these unique similarities into the book, we made some changes. We sent a person with a camera to many of the events held at Hoover, not just the sports or large events. The freshmen, sophomore and junior pages were joined together and made into one underclassmen section because many students have been put in the wrong grades in previous years. Since our book came out in the spring, we decided to skip the confusion and put everyone together. This left us more room to add a lunch/central page, a mini-mag, and we didn't have to combine any sports. Our biggest change was having the book come out in the spring. This was the first year this had been done. Everything was a little more stressful, but it was worth it. We got the book delivered to you before you walked out the door. We also had a completely new staff. It was a little bumpy in the beginning, but we made it through to give you what we believe to be the best book yet. We really appreciate your support and enjoy the book!

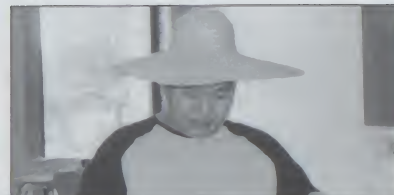
**-Heidi Pierson and Jill Rosenberger**, Co-editors in Chief

P.S. Although there may have been some confusion over the past four years, we are NOT twins, and we are NOT related.



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Above: Students get their groove on at the homecoming dance. Junior Kenny Patton leads fellow students in the cha-cha slide, a tradition at dances. The theme was a Hollywood Nights; Black and White Party.

Right: Looks like Senior Heidi Pierson is a true blonde. She misjudged the amount of space needed to write cheerleaders. Pierson had been a cheerleader for four years.



Far Right: Looks like someone is excited for the game. Senior Jory Ringler gave his hair an interesting look to show his school spirit. The boys won their last game against North 28-12.







# we are students



students

**S**tudent; a person who attends a school, college or university. Students are the basic building blocks of a school. Teachers help coordinate events, but without student participation, those events would not be possible. A high school student's life is attending, participating, and supporting their school. Although some students spend more time here than others, it takes every person to make up our "student body."



# what's cool now



Junior Emily Newton makes a valentine for a sick person at Mercy Hospital. Many kids have found various ways to express their style.



Junior Ocha Russell waits patiently for a pep assembly to start. Leaving tags on jerseys, hats, and shoes has become a popular thing this year.



Senior Ashley Comer does her homework in Spanish teacher Gerald Hollingsworth's class. Pajamas are a common sight among students.







junior Jazmine Wright



senior Khuan Ho



senior Mitch Rundle



sophomores Teandre Talton and James Wiggins

“The transition from what’s o.k. to wear in the summer to what’s ok to wear at school is hard.”  
**Connie Cook**

Sophomores Jazmine Wright and Stefon Brown and Freshman DeShawn Long talk after school in the student center. A lot of kids are wearing coats with the emblems. Some include sports teams, or their favorite brands.

**S**Style is forever changing, especially in the halls here at Hoover. Skirts are getting shorter, clothes are getting darker and pants are sagging lower.

With girls leaving nothing to the imagination and guys struggling to keep their pants up, the administration is working hard to maintain a healthy, non-disruptive learning environment for students.

“We are trying to make sure kids are wearing clothes that are appropriate for school to prevent problems,” principal Connie Cook said.

The dress code has always said that no revealing clothing can be worn which includes halter tops, midriffs, back less tops, low cut tops, and tops exposing a bare shoulder, but what about the guys?

“The guys represent only about 20 percent of the problem. Kids pay too much for clothes that are too big, have holes in them or that tie up. They are trendy, but not appropriate for school,”

Cook said.

Style and appearance at school is very important to most people, and even though the problem escalates a little every year, what causes this issue?

“The media plays a big part in what kids decide to wear,” Cook said.

“The way I look at school is important to me. There’s a lot to consider in the morning. Hair, clothes, jewelry and sometimes makeup,” junior Brianna Glenn said.

“Although clothing choices seem to be a problem, it doesn’t create half the problem that tardiness, truancies and fighting causes,” Cook said.

“I feel that the style is skimpy and that people feel like it’s more important to show their ass rather than their good qualities. Hopefully that will change soon,” senior Lawrell Birk said.

## what does it cost?

**Gallon of gas: \$1.89**

**Used car: \$2,000-5,000**

**Movie Ticket: \$8.00**

**CD: \$15.99-24.99**

**DVD: \$9.99-29.99**

**1 year College Tuition: \$ 16,000 (UNI)**

**Playstation: \$200**

**Concert Ticket: \$55.00**

**Computer: \$800.00 (Dell)**

**Game Ticket: \$35.00**

**Video Game: \$24.99-49.99**





*Heidi Pierson photo*

Senior Ashley Comer counts money back to a customer she cashed a check for. Comer is Hy-Vee where she is a customer service worker. She has worked at Hy-Vee for three years. student.

## working it

As a high school student, working becomes part of your life.

**J**obs?

When you think of jobs, it sounds like its a boring thing to do in a teenager's life time. Most 14-18 year olds think differently.

Some work in the malls, resturants and grocery stores. The work can sometimes be hard. In the malls you have to be very presentable, have good speech and a good attitude.

The same goes for restaurants and grocery stores. Some teens love to work, and some don't. But everybody loves Friday (payday). Once you see the dollar signs on that piece of paper, you know that how hard you work is worth it.

"The only reason why I wanted a job was because I'm tired of spending my mom's

money. Plus I just needed the money," sophomore Charlie Mure said.

Having a job can take a lot of time out of a high school student's busy life. Some students have to miss certain activities at school.

"I miss the activities that my family and friends get to enjoy while I am working," senior Stephanie Williams said.





an employee at the Harding Hills Comer was a Central Campus



Heidi Pierson photo

Senior Traci Reid tapes a damaged product back together. Reid works at customer service at Target on Euclid. This Target will move into a new bulding being consturcted at Merle Hay Mall this year.



Jill Roseneberger photo

Junior Brooke Gates scoops Gummy Bears into a bag. Gates works at Tropic Sun in the mall. Other Hoover students have worked here in the past and freshman Jenny Peppers works at Tropic Sun along with Gates.



Heidi Pierson photo

Senior Will Glazebrook speaks with management on his walkie-talkie. The employees at Target have their own lingo they use to describe their location in the store.



Jill Roseneberger photo

Senior Stacie Nelson hands a customer their recipt. Nelson is one of the Hoover students that works at a local Hy-Vee. She started working there this year, after quitting her job as a hostess at Christopher's.



# da band

## Students are involved in more things than just school activities.

If you think music here at Hoover is just choir, orchestra, and band, than your way off. The members of the band *Revolver* have been playing for five years.

"Me and Jordan wanted to start a band cause we wanted to play for the eighth grade talent show," senior Doug Meyer said.

The members of the band *Revolver* include four guys. Doug Meyer on the drums, Jake Kenney on guitar, Kyle Messerschmitt on the bass and Jordan Veach on lead vocal and guitar.

Although the band has been together for five years they find it hard to make time to practice with their busy schedules.

*Revolver* is mostly rock n roll music, but many of the members of the band play other instruments.

"I've been playing the saxophone for 4 years," Kenney said. Meyer and Veach were both members of the Hoover marching band. So despite their lack of practice time the members of *Revolver* have plenty of musical experience.

The band has performed in numerous events such as the Beaverdale Fall Festival and the Meredith eighth grade talent show. The band has come a long way from their first show.

"When we first started out we were real bad, but we've gotten a lot better," Meyer said.

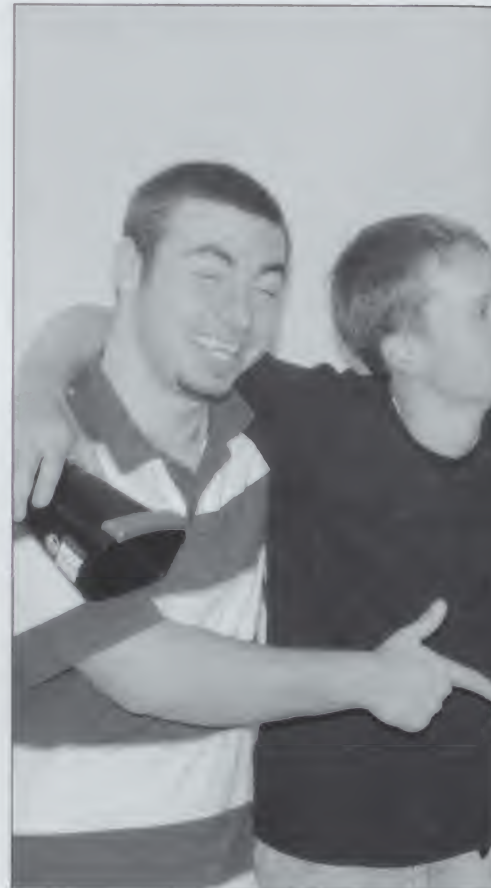
The band said they're going to call it quits after this year.

"We'd like to try and stay together, but with college and us being separated and doing other things it's gonna be too hard," Kenney said.

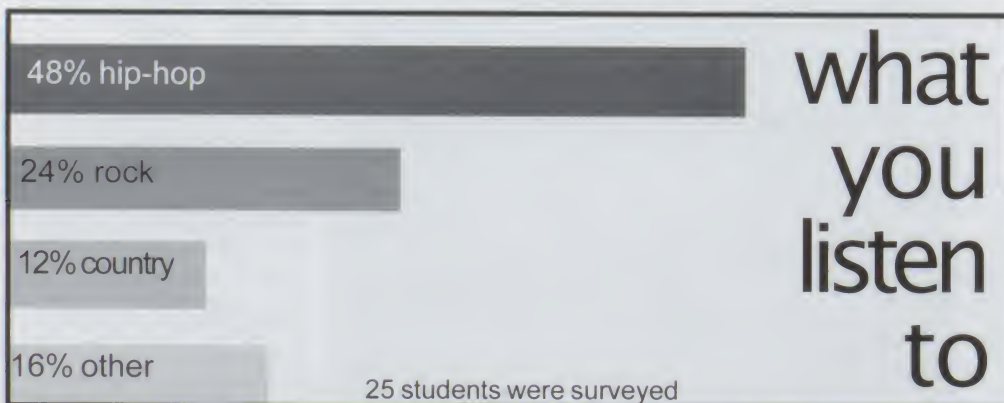
So keep your eyes peeled for these hot local musicians that could be performing at a party near you or you might miss them.



Senior Jordan Veach shows his other musical talent while he plays the drums during a practice session. Veach was a member of the Hoover marching band.



Above: Senior Doug Meyer shows his passion for the guitar during the practice session. Not only does Meyer play guitar he also is the band's drummer.







The band of *Revo/ver* takes time to pose for the camera during a practice session. *Revo/ver* has been together for five years. *Revo/ver* hopes to make this final year a success.



Senior Doug Meyer on drums. Meyer has been playing the drums for over four years and was on the hoover marching band.



Senior Jake Kenney on the guitar. Kenney has been playing guitar for over six years and is also a saxophone player.



Above: seniors Jake Kenney and Doug Meyer rehearse a song at the bands practice. Kenney plays guitar for the band and Meyer is the drummer.



Senior Jordan Veach on lead vocal and guitar. Veach has been playing guitar for over four years and is also a drummer.



# vote or die

**C**hoose or Lose 2004, ACT, which one do you prefer? These are groups trying to encourage the younger generation to vote. "I think it's a good idea because it encourages people to make up their own minds," senior Kelly Burk said.

In the past it has been noted that the number of young people getting involved with politics has gone down. This is not true for junior Caitlin Betts. This past summer she was involved with ACT (America Coming Together),

"ACT is a nonprofit political organization that is out to motivate voters and get them informed," Betts said. Betts, along with a small group of others, went door knocking and canvassing in different counties. They handed out surveys and absentee ballots.

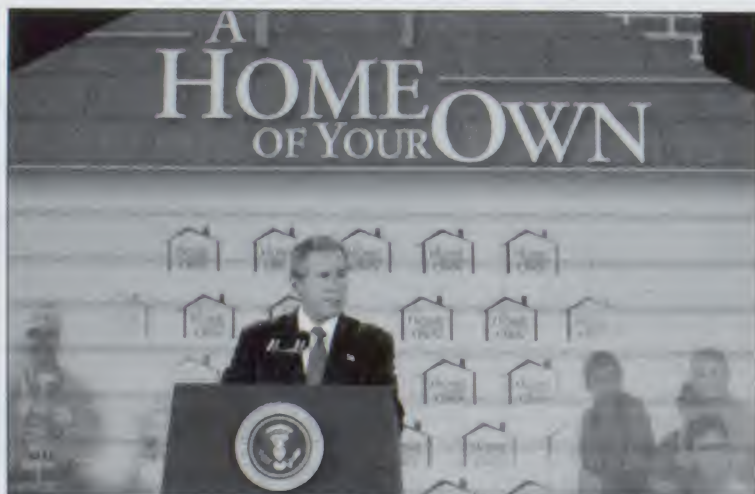
Although, she admitted, "the survey was for independent people to see if they leaned more

towards the democrat side, then if they were on the democrat side, we gave them the absentee ballot." Burk is another teen interested in politics.

"I could see myself in politics in the future," Burk said. She is voting for Kerry this year and is excited about it. "I've always wanted to vote, and now I'm excited because I'm old enough."

Campaigns like MTV's Choose of Lose, and ACT are attempting to get the point across to teens how important it is to vote. "Voting is a way that I can try and change society, not just complain about it," Burk said.

"I'm voting because Bush is an idiot and we need to kick him out of office," senior Dan Murphy said. Murphy agrees that programs encouraging teens to vote are crucial. "Percentages show that the number of teens voting is not enough," Murphy said, "People need to realize that voting is important and changes your life."



Left: Go vote! Senior Jeff Stockton shows his support for the election. He holds a sign telling students to "Go Vote!" Stockton was not eighteen in time to vote. Right: Senior Jessica Welter sports an MTV "Choose or Lose 20 million loud" T-shirt. MTV ran a year-long campaign urging students to vote.







President George W. Bush was re-elected as President of the United States for his second term. It seemed that the battle for winner of the 2004 election would be close, but the end result was Bush 286 and Kerry trailing with 252. Although Bush won the election in the United States, had it been up to Hoover students, Kerry would have won. "I would have voted for John Kerry. My only real reason is that I really don't like George Bush, he's an idiot," senior Stacie Nelson said. In the pictures at right, Bush meets with various students, government officials, NASA astronauts and appearing at public events around the nation.

The media has been trying hard to get students to vote, the question is, does it work?

## our winner is...

175 Hoover students were surveyed and asked if they could vote in the 2004 election, who would they vote for. The results were: **Kerry: 53%**, **Bush: 24%**, **undecided: 12%**, **Nader: 9%**

**24%**

**53%**

**9%**

data collected by Samantha Toole



superhero/ twin day



headgear day



pajama day



freshman:  
celebrity day



*Elizabeth Howett Photo*

Star quarterback, junior Laechia Conley makes a run for it. Conley scored two touchdowns. The juniors lead a 23-0 victory over the seniors.



*Elizabeth Howett Photo*

Although it wasn't a touchdown, junior Stephanie Jacobson slides into senior Kelly Burk for the tackle. Both teams practiced for weeks before the game.



Above: Getting out of a day of practice, senior Julia Busiek paints herself inside a square. It's tradition that senior members of the girls swim team to paint part of the sidewalk during the homecoming week activities.

Right: Under the watchful eye of senior coach Alex Mason, cheerleaders form a pyramid. Seniors Kevin Fleming, Jake Kenney, Greg Ervanian, Doug Meyer and Jeff Stockton dress up as cheerleaders to support their senior girls powder puff team. It's a tradition that has been carried on for many years.





sophomores:  
crazy hair day

Sophomore Akilah Jackson  
Rushing



juniors:  
sports day

Junior powder puff  
cheerleaders



seniors:  
toga day

Senior Kyla Mckenzie



spirit day

Varsity cheerleaders



# we have spirit

The spirit days, the powder puff game and the pep assembly are all a part of Homecoming week. The week is full of excitement and school spirit. But what does homecoming really mean?

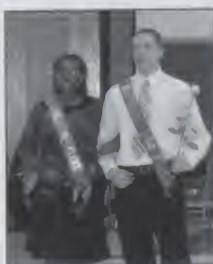
"Homecoming is a chance to show your school spirit and unify the student body," senior Anessa Woods said.

For some senior girls Homecoming week wasn't all they expected it to be when they lost to the juniors during the powder puff game.

"I was kind of disappointed that we didn't win our senior year, but all of us senior girls got closer and we had fun tackling the juniors," senior

Megan Kirschbaum said.

The true meaning of Homecoming isn't about winning or losing, it's about following traditions, taking pride in ones school and having fun doing it. For the first time in years, you could feel the energy and the spirit alive in the student body.



After being announced homecoming king and queen seniors J'sean Gaddy and Semira Cocic celebrate as they take a seat in their thrones.

In past years only the top ten nominees were allowed on court, but a three-way tie between the queen nominees allowed two more king nominees on court. Seniors Semira Cocic, Drew Neal, Sara Schonberg, Steve Bjurstrom, Jill Rosenberger, Doug Meyer, Tameka Hilson, Spencer Olson, Britini Atkins, J'Sean Gaddy, Megan Burrows, Alex Mason, Anessa Woods and Jeremy Hellickson were nominated by the senior class.

Elizabeth Howett Photo





Sophomore Chelsea Rail, junior Kamita Aldrich and sophomore Ashley Bemisdarfer enjoyed their time at the dance. "I think it's much more fun going with a group of friends because you can dance with whoever you want," said Aldrich.



Junior Ian Rohlwing and graduate Katie Meade dance near the D.J. Rohlwing and Meade attended the dance as dates.



Freshmen Jer Chucky Burrell bust a move dur



Left: Seniors Jordan Veach and Mandy Palmer show off their clubbing outfits for the Homecoming Dance. The theme was Hollywood Nights Black and White Party.

Right: Homecoming queen senior Semira Cocic and her friends seniors, Christie Kafer and Dalma Hadziomerovic, "Cha-cha now ya'll." The Cha Cha Slide was one of the most popular songs played at the dance.



# before...

Students suggest places to have fun before and after the Homecoming dance

- Go to dinner
- ✓ Attend a party or two
- Go to a friends house
- ✓ Watch a movie
- Take pictures
- ✓ Spend quality time with boyfriend/girlfriend
- Drive around
- ✓ Have a party

# ...after


It takes two to tango. Junior Jessica Woodyard and a friend from Dowling Catholic tango to no particular song. "Yeah, it was fun. We did some stupid karaoke songs and made fools of ourselves," Woodyard said.





# making the decision

## The Homecoming dance



maine Woods,  
and Justin Wesley  
ing the Cha Cha Slide.

**m**usic, moves and mingling. The Homecoming dance is a place to show off that booty dance, be social and have as much fun as you can.

The company you go with may have a lot to do with that. Is it going to be a date? A group of friends? Or are you going \*stag?

"Why (go with a date)?" asked freshman Bridgette Andrews, "I don't want a date." A date may tie you down to just one person all night. Maybe you're the type of person that wants to dance and talk with whoever, whenever. That works, too.

Just going with a group of friends is a great idea and is what usually happens for the Homecoming dance.

"I'm going with a big group of like fifteen people," sophomore Kendra Harding said.

Dancing with friends is especially important to Andrews. Even if you go to the dance without the title of having a date, you can still dance with that special person or just say "Hey you! (points with pointer finger) Wanna dance?"

Friends or just groups of high school students in general

are very influential. What they say is sometimes the last detail to decipher whether or not you go to the dance. "Yes, (friends influence my decision to go to the dance). I wouldn't go by myself and we all just decide to go together instead of going separately," Harding said.

Whether or not you go to the dance can be a big decision to make. Junior David Bicket didn't seem to have much of a choice. "My friends will probably make me go," Bicket said.

The night of the Homecoming dance is meant to be memorable, fun, and something to look forward to.

Senior Jake English, who has never been to a dance at Hoover before, has the right attitude towards going this year with his date.

"I'm looking forward to it because it'll be a new experience with someone I like and I think it will be a very memorable night," English said.

\*Stag- A woman or man that attends a social gathering without a date.



"I liked the dance but it could have been better," said freshman Raphael Webster. He enjoyed dancing with his date, freshman Medeja Donlagic.





The last winter formal seniors **Dan Gross** and **Traci Reid** will ever attend is captured by a moment with the camera.



"I actually went with a date this time, so the dance went good"

-Tykesha White



DJ Ism

"The DJ was hot. He had the party jumpin'"

-Destiny McGregor



"It was a beautiful night being there with my boyfriend."

-Christine Pederson



"It was a special night because it's my senior year and everything went the way it was supposed to."

-Laurissa Bekish



Swimmers look over the balcony with their dates. Junior **Jade Heidt**, seniors **David Light**, **Mike Solinger**, **Katie Jones**, juniors **Becky Ward**, **Tyler Sweat**, **Julia Whaley** and freshman **Zach Toole** take a break from dancing.





Seniors Rachel Millard and Stacie Nelson and Junior Stephanie Jacobson "get low."

## making moves

**W**inter Formal. The most romantic student body dance of the year. The music is slow, the lights are low and everyone is caught up in the moment. But have you ever just taken a minute to look at the set-up? There are a lot of preparations that go into making a dance good, and co-chairs of the Winter Formal committee, juniors, Kim Alex and An Pham can tell you "It's not as easy as it may seem!"

They both agree that good leadership and a good committee is a must. "If you're the head person and

you're not responsible then the dance will reflect that," Alex said.

Pham, Alex, the STUCO advisor Doug Wheeler and the dance committee roll into the Botanical Center bright and early, to decorate. "The sooner we can get in to decorate, the better," Alex said.

When asked how it felt once the dance set-up was done Pham replied, "It's perfect." While Alex replied, "pure satisfaction."

The only request the two made was "Next time you go to a dance look and appreciate what your fellow students have done. Thank you means the world to people."



"This was the biggest turn-out for any winter formal that I've been to. It was crazy. I had a blast."

-Sara Schoneberg





Semira Cocic  
Semira Cocic



Dan Gross  
Dan Gross



Jeremy Hellickson  
Jeremy Hellickson



Tykesha White  
Tykesha White

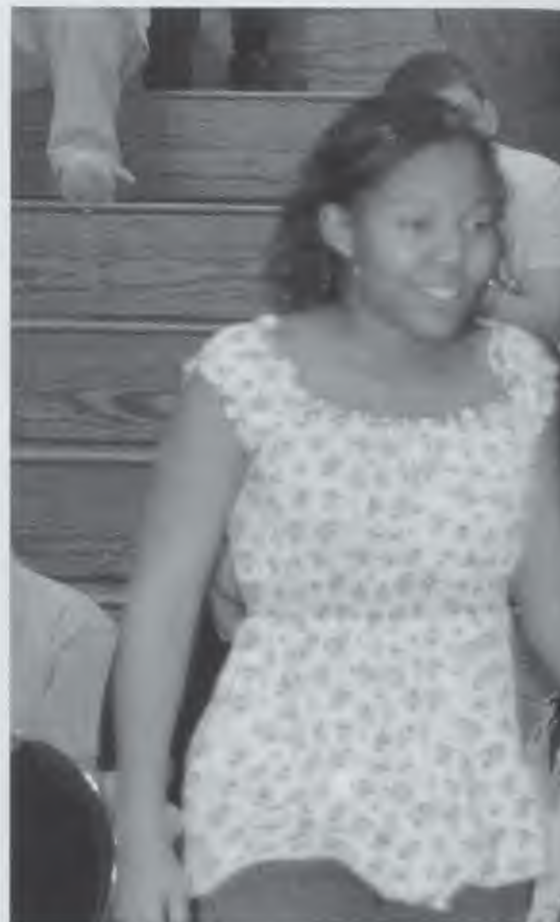


Anessa Woods  
Anessa Woods

# the way it used to be

the history on  
the Student of All  
Seasons award

- It used to be awarded as a winter/homecoming award.
- It used to be technically called "The man of all Seasons" award.
- Only boys would be nominated and one would win.
- The Homecoming Queen award would be chosen along with it.
- It used to just be voted on by the student body and was a popularity contest.
- About four years ago, the award became more academically focused by having teachers nominate students then the student body voting on them.
- At one time, finalists of the award consisted of five seniors and three underclassmen.
- There used to be a "Teacher of all Seasons" award.



The thirty something total nominees sit in a row awaiting the results for who the finalists are after receiving a rose and certificate.





Ashley Douglas Photo



Ashley Douglas Photo

Above: **Senior Anessa Woods** is handed her award by **Principal Connie Cook**. "I believe Students of all Seasons is a big thing because it gets students who normally wouldn't get recognized a chance to be recognized because you're chosen by teachers not students first," Woods said.

Left: Seniors in the stands watch as **Senior Tykesha White** walks up to receive her award for being selected as one of the finalists for the Student of all Seasons award. "I was surprised and honestly happy. I just kept thinking before they called my name, 'Tykesha White. Tykesha White,'" White said.

**D**an Gross. Semira Cocic. Jeremy Hellickson. Anessa Woods. Tykesha White," Timm Pilcher said to announce the five finalists for the Students of all Seasons award.

Being a student of all seasons is not just a popularity contest. To be a nominee, you must be nominated by a teacher first. It hasn't always been this way. Just four years ago the nomination process was changed.

Senior Dan Gross has a pretty good idea of why he was nominated. "The teacher that nominated me was my track coach. It was because of the leadership that

I show," Gross said.

It's something to think about before senior year.

"Be active in many tascets of all clubs that Hoover has from sports to academics. Try to be well-rounded," Gross said.

The award isn't just for show.

"I think it will be great on college applications and scholarships because they'll look at me as being a good leader and role model," senior Tykesha White said. She

was one finalist for the award. Being a finalist was important to some, but not all.

"I wasn't going to be devastated if

I didn't win," Gross said.

White became anxious while she sat in the row of nominees waiting to hear who all had won the award.

"I just kept thinking 'Tykesha White. Tykesha White,'" White said.

"(Winning the award) helps me appreciate all the people that chose me and will be a fond memory," Gross said.

For most, whether receiving the award was expected or not, it is something to look back on and be proud of because of the accomplishments these students have experienced.

# being five of the 225



# showing husky spirit

**W**hen you hear on the intercom that there's an assembly you get very excited. You get to sit by your friends and look at all the things that us Huskies can do.

But some of our Husky students can't participate, because you can't go if you had a referral to the office, have any detentions, and some are stuck at Central, so they sometimes miss out on a lot of fun. What's the best part of being at a pep assembly? Well, sophomore Charlie Mure said, "The best part is just getting out of class and talking to my friends and other people."

Sometimes you can't sit by your friends because the principal and vice principal force you to sit with your homeroom class, but that doesn't always happen. There are also DJs who play the latest hip-hop and R&B music; which makes it a lot of fun. Then, you can get in the gym and start dancing, kind of like a big high school party.

"When I go to sit by my friends it's a lot of fun to laugh, and when we see someone we know go through the spirit tunnel, it makes us happy to see somebody accomplishing something here at Hoover High," said sophomore Candies Merrill.

Students also have a lot of fun by watching teachers and students competing against one another, including basketball games against the other teachers, and having the drill team come out on the court and show us their dance moves.

At the pep assembly we have three point shoot-outs, and whoever gets their name called out and makes a three-pointer, then they might win a DVD player or something else. That's what we do to get out of class and have some fun.

Say hello  
to the  
Husky  
Dawg  
showing  
what he can  
do at the Pep  
assembly in  
the Husky  
gym. Go  
Hoover  
Huskies,  
Fight! Fight!  
Fight!



"I like to do cheers and have fun."  
-Freshman Anna Peter



"I like trying to win the victory stick  
and seeing all of my friends."  
-Sophomore Candies Merrill



"I like to watch the cheerleaders  
and the dancers perform."  
-Senior Taylor Brooks





The cheerleaders fan their pom poms during the spirit tunnel. During pep assemblies cheerleaders create a spirit tunnel to honor the athletic teams and groups of the season.



Husky cheeleaders show some good moves to impress the students



The senior class "boos" the other classes so that they can win the spirit stick. At every pep assembly, there's a spirit stick contest

Pep assemblies aren't only opportunities to get us out of class, they are full of time-long traditions that represents real Husky spirit

#### Pep Assembly Traditions

**-The Spirit Tunnel:** A tunnel made by the cheerleaders that Hoover athletes and participants go through

**-Spirit Stick:** A competition where all classes try to win a green and gold spirit stick by yelling "V.I.C.T.O.R.Y.!"

**-Seating Arrangements:** There are four sections: Freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors

**-MC:** Timm Pilcher, Hoover publications adviser, is the one who makes it all happen and gets everybody pumped up!

**-School Colors:** Give it up for the Green and Gold!





Above: The microscopic Whos of Whoville are saved by Horton the elephant. The population of Whoville lives on a speck of dust. The drama department took on the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss in the play *Seussical the Musical*.

Far right: Juniors **An Pham** and **Kim Alex** give a whole new meaning to throwing the trash away. The Student Council leadership class cleaned up the messy student parking lot consisting of fast food bags, pop bottles and cigarette packages.

Right: The Gay-Straight Alliance makes valentines for patients at Mercy Hospital. Secretary **Baliee Newton** and member **Cassie Stammer** get materials to make cards.







# we are involved

involved

**I**nvolvement; to oblige to take part in. As a member of a club or group, you must actively participate. There are a wide range of activities a student can be involved in. Best Buddies, Sisters of Success and National Honor Society are only a few. Throughout the school year a student can choose to participate in as many or as few activities as they want. It doesn't matter, as long as they want to participate and enjoy what they are doing.





Above: Sophomore Matt Henry and the rest of the cast rehearse for their role at All-State. Henry has been in Drama for two years.



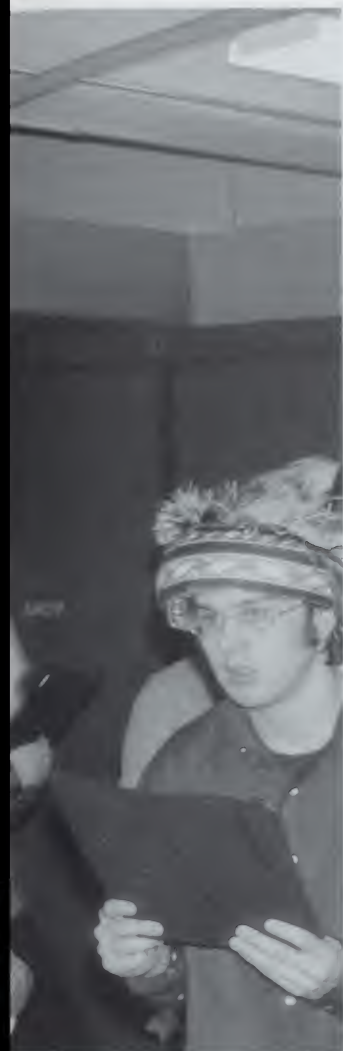
Left: Sophomore Allison Brown sits patiently waiting to go on at All State in Ames.

Left: Senior Jack Erpelding rehearses for a big scene at All State Speech and Drama. Erpelding has been in speech and drama for two years.

Right: Freshmen Adam Beaves and senior David Willer practice their skit before they perform.







Above: Senior Anna Danielson performs her one man show at all state in Ames. Danielson also participates in choir and has been in drama for three years.

## 3...2...1... Action

**d**rama is more than just getting on a stage and reading lines. It is putting on a costume and make-up, becoming another character and giving your all for the sake of a great production. Seniors Alex Robinson and Jack Erpeling have been members of many theatrical productions and know all about giving all they've got for the benefit of play.

Most members of drama productions are also involved in speech contests.

"Drama is an actual play, speech is more like normal speech, and group speech is a contest to get to go to all state," Erpeling said. "I like being in the plays better."

Theatrical plays tend to bring a bigger audience than speech contests do.

"I think speech is boring; drama is better," Robinson said.

Most people are not born actors, they acquire some desire to act from other motives.

"A lot of my friends were in drama, so I decided to join," Robinson said.

"My friend Gil said it was the cool thing to do, so I did it," Erpeling said.

Since the boys have become involved in drama, they have found certain actors that they look up to and draw inspiration from.

"I like Will Farrell, I look up to him because I think he could improve my comic skills," Robinson said.

Since both Erpeling and Robinson are seniors, this year marked the end of their acting careers at Hoover. Plans for next year include pursuing drama, but not too seriously.

"I might do some community theatre next year," Erpeling said.





Above: Sophomore Kelsey Manning played Frig. Frig was married to Odin who was played by senior Jack Erpelding. This was Mannings first lead in a play.

Far right: Juniors Zach Rowling and Dan Brakk who were both members of the band *Norns* chat with their gropies after the play.

Right: Loki played by senior Alex Robinson rubs the head of Hod played by Grey Lovelace while frighten Sara Stearns watches.





# mythology Ragnarocks

A glamastic rock opera with commedia

Every year Drama teacher Denis Hildreth bring in a guest Director to help his actors and actresses get experience on working with a different Director. This year the guest Director was Megan Gogerty.

She's a playwright, songwriter, and winner of The Atlanta's Dad Garage Theatre Company 10 minute play residency award in 2003. This year Fall play, The Ragnarok, was a glamastic rock opera with commedia.

It was a spoof of Norse mythology and

stories of Scandinavia gods, and updates them in a comedy way. Gogerty chose this play and the goal was for it to be entertaining, but educative.

She researched the play, and the students basically made up their own lines. This play needed a band and they played 70's glam rock songs written by Gogerty and the band put their own flavor in it.

While some students enjoy Gogerty and like the idea of a Guest Director. Some didn't like it and one of the students dropped out of the play.



Junior Dan Braak is talks to friends after the play. The "N" on Braak's costume stands for Norns, which he was a member of in the play.



"The best play I did my senior year was **Seussical the Musical** because it was my first lead in the play (Horton the elephant) and all my friends were in it."  
-David Willer



"I like all parts of drama but, I especially liked **Hamlet Cha Cha Cha** because I got to sing and dance, wear a funny hat, goof off and have people think I was acting."-Matt Henry



# seussical

## The Dr. Seuss Musical



Amazing Mayzie La Bird was played by senior Megan Kirschbaum.



Juniors Sarah Stearns(left) and Josh Sheridan(right) as Mrs. and Mr. Mayor of Whooville.



The cast of Seussical poses for a picture after one of their performances. The cast for this play was much larger than the cast of the spring play.



**d**r. Seuss is a man of rhymes, he is known for making many children storys that rhyme all the time. Thus came Seussical the musical, it was popular and extremely entertaining to the audience.

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss once said.

Seussical was exactly as it sounds a Dr. Seuss Musical.

Dr. Seuss once event for many students, especially the cast. While standing in line, literally just standing there, you could look and see many students, parents, and many of Hoover's alumni.

Seussical was a musical consisting of a compilation of different Dr. Seuss stories. The naration done by the one and only Cat in the Hat, played by junior Stephanie Jacobson.

Now for the real story. For those who have been in plays before, you know the anxiety felt by the cast, especially when it comes time for the curtains to rise.

"We were actually panicking about people not knowing the songs," senior Anna Danielson said.

Rehearsal only running 15 hours a week, it was hard to tell about any panicking.

"Everyone did pretty good," sophomore Mary Thomsen said about the cast.

Behind the scenes were some good things.

"All the friendships I started and strengthened," Danielson said was her favorite part of the entire production.

Memorable parts of the play

When General Genghis Khan Schmitz, junior Gillum Kyker, went to recruit Jojo, fifth grade Jay Jacobson, into military school.

When Hortan the Elephant, senior David Willer, was keeping the egg warm, while sitting in the tree, seriously who is not going to remember an elephant in the tree.

When Gertrude McFuzz, senior Anna Danielson told Hortan the way she felt about him.

Most things talking about Dr. Seuss rhyme, not this, but sadly it has to end.

"How did it get so late so soon?" once said by the ever so famous Dr. Seuss.



The Grinch, freshman Adam Beaves, talking to the whos of whoville.



General Genghis Khan Schmitz, junior Gillum Kyker(left), and Cadet #1, freshman Sam Kyker(left) march in to recruit new members.

#### Favorite Dr. Seuss Books

<b>Green Eggs and Ham</b>	35.5%
<b>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</b>	25.8%
<b>The Cat in the Hat</b>	25.8%
<b>The Foot Book</b>	3.2%
<b>Are You My Mother</b>	3.2%
<b>Hop on Pop</b>	6.5%

31 people surveyed

#### Dr. Seuss Quotes

"Unslumping Yourself is not easy to do."

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells.

Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities."





Seniors Lawrell Birk and Heather Fosburg talk before their trial.



Sophomore Elyse Schooley gets her hair done before trial, fitting the role of the "southern bell" witness.



Seniors Lawrell Birk and Bethany Hall talk at the Pre-State conference.



Senior Enisa Jukic, Brandi Lewis, Charles Saini, Lisa Jefferson, Khuan Ho, Kylie Peddycoart, Logan Karsten, Alicia Irish, Tameka Hilson, Suvada Kuburas, and Dalma Hadziomerovic at the Academic Decathlon Christmas party.

## Future Plans

- 1.) Logan Karsten  
Plans on being a meteorologist.  
Plans on attending Iowa State University
- 2.) Christopher Adams  
Might attend law school.
- 3.) Kyle Carman  
Planning on going into law enforcement.



Seniors Heather Fosburg, Christopher Adams, Lawrell Birk, Sophomore Elyse Schooley, Junior Jocelyn Gerrietts, and Seniors Bethany Hall and Kaitlyn Evans. Finish preparations for sub-state, in the courtroom.

# memorizing facts

All that Studying and the verdict is...



Judges, lawyers and lawsuits. Mock Trial goes to state once again.

Mock Trial is an activity that, well, mocks the judicial system. And for those who think that mocking is making fun of, it's not, it's simply imitating.

In mock trial everyone writes his or her own material, based on the affidavit. Thus the lawyer will do training, writing an opening statement, a closing statement or interrogating questions.

"We get a case law in which the characters have written a sworn affidavit," senior Kyle Carman said.

The questions are based on each witness' statement in the affidavit.

Mock Trial however differs from the regular judicial system however.

"There are rules that apply for mock trial that don't apply to the real legal world," senior Chris Adams said.

Three judges determine who wins. One judge is a presiding judge, for the legal stuff, and two are scoring judges.

And how are the victories celebrated?

"We had victory gum and I wore my two belts," Carman said.

One of the belts made a lot of people question his clothing attire options, it of course being a neon, or a tremendously bright hot pink, belt.

On the note of remembering information, does anyone really know about academic decathlon?

Yeah sure, it's an activity in which a group of students get together, memorize facts and answering questions, but it's also something to do in leisure time, and well maybe it could be fun.

Academic decathlon could help with regular classes, they just study out of a huge book given to them at the beginning of the year, maybe it'll be useful.

"It focuses on all subjects but has a central theme," senior Logan Karsten said.

Academic decathlon has little celebration gigs and little get-togethers. So for those who think this, they don't just study.

Many people might think that there is some special requirement, but there isn't. People don't have to have a 4.0 to be in academic clubs.

## mock trial

- 1.) affidavit: written statement given by a witness during a court case.
- 2.) badgering: being mean to the witness.
- 3.) Hearsay: an out of court statement that goes to prove the truth of the matter asserted.
- 4.) Extrapolation: witness starts making stuff up that's not in the affidavit. An unfair extrapolation is when in goes against the affidavit.
- 5.) beyond the scope: when information would be outside the witness' knowledge.



Senior Kaitlyn Evans, junior Jocelyn Gerriets, seniors Lawrell Birk and Heather Fosburg, and sophomore Elyse Schooley prepare for trial on the second day at the Olmsted Center at Drake. Mock Trial made it to state again.



# taking a bite ...

It is a common belief that having a disability can make social and school life difficult.

But according to senior Philip Nations it hasn't. Nations has Higher Functioning Autism, a disorder characterized by marked deficits in communication and social interaction, language impairment, and abnormal behavior, such as repetitive acts and excessive attachment to certain objects. However, people with Higher Functioning Autism have much better cognitive and learning abilities.

"I struggle with English. I can't really spell, and punctuation and grammar are hard for me," Nations said.

Nations is in National Honors Society despite his problems with English, and credits NHS for helping him keep his grades up because of its requirement of a 3.5 grade point average.

Nations credits the Hoover Chapter of Best Buddies for helping him improve his social life. Nations' peer buddy, senior, Richard

Lloyd Jr. is also in NHS. Lloyd became a member of Best Buddies after being introduced to the program by Nations. The two have been friends since sophomore year.

"My first year I was shy. Years went on and I got more comfortable and made friends. I didn't know anyone freshman year. It was hard," Nations said. "Best Buddies has made it easier for me to talk to people."

Best Buddies has taught Lloyd that all people, including ones with disabilities, deserve the same respect.

"This program creates friendship that may not have existed otherwise," Lloyd said.

Nations and Lloyd have a lot of fun together, whenever they can.

"We have a blast," Nations said.

"We went to Rich's house and watched movies one Sunday. Then we played some basketball."

Lloyd reminisced about his high school memories and concluded that his most memorable moment was "when me and Phil finally got to hang out outside of school. It was great."

Senior  
**Richard  
Lloyd** makes  
a mummy of  
his buddy  
**Philip  
Nations**.



# ...out of boundaries





**The Annual Best Buddies Halloween Pary.....**

Top Left: Brook Gates and John Foutz get down.

Bottom Left: Everybody Tango! Senior Alicia Irish heads the line.

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Top Right: Nations and Junior Kim Alex show everyone how it's done.

Bottom Right: Best Buddies president Caitlin Betts and senior Traci Reid talk business.



Face First: Two-year member Ian Rohlwing bobs for an apple.





Student body treasurer An Pham sets up the chess boards in the library for the first annual Entertainment Tonight, this is a student council sponsored event.



Top-Student Council members, Nick Lovan, Dalma Hadzoimerovic, and senior David Willer enjoy the poker tournaments at this first annual Entertainment Tonight. Bottom- Seniors Doug Meyer Nick Lovan and junior Evan Davis mess around while setting up for Entertainment Tonight.



Students listen to the student band, ZPS, at Entertainment Tonight. ZPS provided live music for this student council sponsored event.

## who's who

And the student body officers are...

President- Alex Mason

Vice President I- Ashley Douglas

Vice President II- Sara Schoneberg

Treasurer- An Pham

Sercretary- Jill Rosenberger

Source: Hoover High School Website



Junior Calli Laudick gives junior class president Kim Alex a dollar to try her shot at hitting a hole in one. A hole-in-one contest was one of many activites at Entertainment Tonight.



# a new year with new ideas

Student Council members continue the traditional high school activities and create new activities that make Hoover what it is.

Everyone knows that student council organizes the school dances and assemblies, but student council is much more. Not only do they organize the typical high school activities, but they also come up with some new ideas for the school.

So, what is new for this school year? Student council is working on two new major activities. One of those new events is Entertainment Tonight. "We are doing Entertainment Tonight to provide an activity for the student body," junior class president, Kim Alex said.

Another new activity is homeroom representative. "We are doing homeroom representative program to build better communications system between the student body," Alex said.

So, what about those old events? This year the student council planned the first dance of the year, homecoming. "We get the DJ, karaoke, we do all the decorations, and sell the tickets. We started a committee

and tried to get the people outside student council involved," Alex said.

Well what about those pep assemblies? "We ask the vocal department if anyone wants to sing, we let the cheerleaders know, we tell the different teams, make cds, make up games, and we get out of class to do all the decorations," Alex said.

So what do these students think about student council? "I like the friends you make," junior class senator Nicole Evans said. But Evans says she does not like the early morning meetings.

Student Council is also involved in activities that many not know about. "We plant flowers outside the school," Evans said. The leadership class during seventh period also does some things that students might not expect. "On Wednesdays, we go to elementary schools and help teachers in classrooms and mentor students," Alex said.

Not only does student council do those typical high school activities, but also does new activities that makes Hoover what it is.



Students enjoy the Halo tournament in the cafeteria at Entertainment Tonight.



Student body secretary Jill Rosenberger, senior class vice president Semira Cocic and senior class senator Tameka Hilson hang signs for Entertainment tonight after school.

"It's fun and you get to interact with people you might not of interacted with before."

-Junior class senator Nicole Evans





*"We are glad to be a part of Sisters for Success."  
Ashely Kitchen, Chardae King, Tysonda Millsap,  
Charisse Brown, Tiara Ziegler, Magon Gains*



*"Black is beautiful." - Magon Gaines*



*Jocelyn McGregor, Raeshawn Robinson,  
Traci Reid, Brandi Lewis, Ashley White, and  
Natasha Oakley are all members of Sisters for Success*



*"I like spending time with my sisters."-Mary  
Aikoriegie*

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sister

- have to be in grades 9-12
  - at least have a 2.0 or higher
- be willing to open discussion
  - complete the forms
- have to be an african american female
  - have a positive attitude
- be respectful to society





Sisters for Success pose for a group photo in the auditorium.

# together...

## through thick and thin

**S**isters for success is an organization in which young African-American females work together to overcome difference.

It is meant to establish a stronger foundation for us in the future. African American females are on the bottom in life today. "Sister for success is an excellent group because it teaches us how to look past our differences but at the same time stand up for one another," said Elissa Robinson.

"I think that this is a great opportunity for black girls to learn to get a head in life," said

Kinshasa Campbell." "I like Sisters for Success because it shows that black females can be successful and classy at the same time," says Candies Merrill. "The ladies in this organization have an opportunity to better themselves, not to impress people but to impress the there future." says Tasjanae Walker. The ladies in sisters for success wants to thank Kathie Bastian for helping us for the future, and we will always keep their advice in mind when we are stuck.



*"Sisters for Succes is a good program."*-  
Tysonda  
Millsap

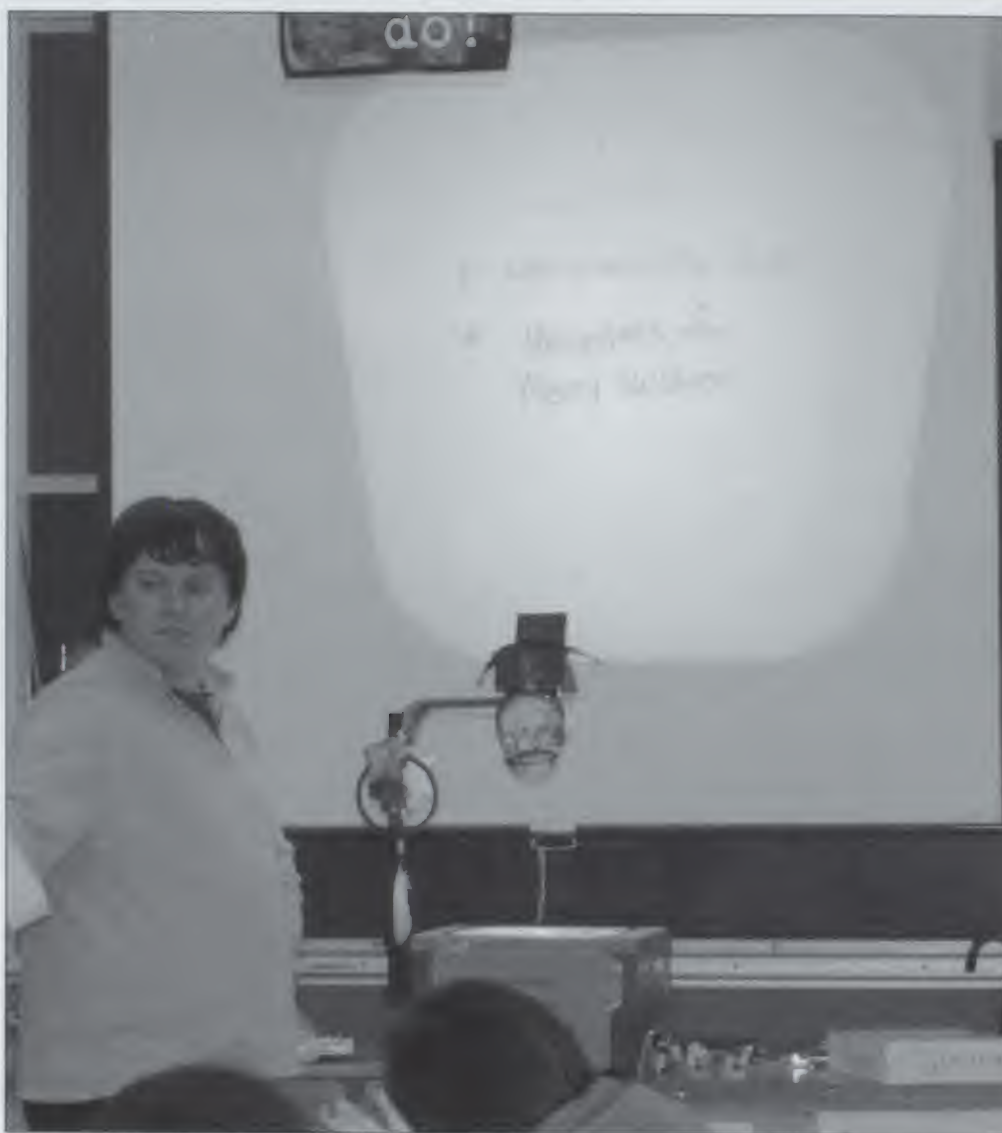
*"I think that this is a good way to learn about each other."*- Kinshasa Campbell, Shanice Thomas







GSA president, Josh Sheridan goes over the agenda for the days meeting. In February, The group made valentines for patients at Mercy Hospital.



Left: GSA member freshman Heather Stull works on her valentine. Right before Valentine's Day members made special valentines for patients at Mercy Hospital. Above: Making valentines requires supplies. Freshmen Madison Sconiers and Mersad Arapovic get crayons, markers and paper to make their valentines.

## school statistics

statistics from [www.glbs.com](http://www.glbs.com)

- ❑ 30% of gay and bisexual adolescent males attempt suicide at least once

- ❑ 97% of students in high school report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from their peers



# working together

**a**s the school year winds down and you look back at everything you just completed, many students think about what they accomplished and are proud of. Some people are proud of good grades, a high achievement in a sport, or awards for something such as drama, speech, or debate.

For junior Josh Sheridan, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), it is something totally different. He is proud to be gay and will happily declare it.

"We are not a hook up place. It's really about support. We want to create a place for people where they can say what's on their mind and how they feel without being criticized," Sheridan said.

GSA has meetings every other Tuesday and discusses issues they feel are important such as the statistics and dangers they may face with AIDs or other STDs as well as diversity, acceptance, and overcoming hate not only in the school, but in society as well.

"Overall we haven't had any problems. You always get

your few rotten eggs but other than that, Hoover is a pretty accepting school," Sheridan said.

There are around 50 members in the group but only 10 percent are gay or lesbian and only around 20 come to each meeting.

The hardest thing for the students to overcome is the hate they deal with from not only members of their family but teachers and counselors too.

97 percent of students report regularly hearing homophobic remarks from their peers and 2/3 of counselors have negative feelings toward gay people.

-story and sidebar by Ashley Denham



The officers of GSA, freshman Bailee Newton, juniors Liz Vazquez, Emily Newton and Josh Sheridan.

## Gay and straight students throughout the school came together to make the Gay-Straight Alliance

- ❑ 2/3 of guidance counselors harbor negative feelings toward gay and lesbian people
- ❑ 68% of adolescent gay males use alcohol, 44% use other drugs





NHS secretary Traci Reid takes attendance at a monthly meeting. Reid is a senior.



NHS advisor Pam Pilcher oversees a monthly meeting. Meetings are mostly student run.



Drew Neal speaks to NHS members about an upcoming service project. Neal is the Vice-President.



Ivy Rohlwing, Ryan Young, Lydia Vanderbeek, Adam Hasselhun, and Zach learn about the upcoming service project that will be going on in school. All are

## on your honor

“Its pretty hard to find the self-motivation to do the individual service projects” --junior Chelsea Swanson

Every third Wednesday of the month a group of dedicated students file into the auditorium to discuss ways to make Hoover and its community a better place.

This group is called the National Honor Society, a national organization that according to the official website has over one million members and is still growing.

“You have to be very good at school. You have to maintain a 3.5 grade point average and do your individual projects or you can’t be in it anymore,” said NHS member, junior Chelsea Swanson.

“I’m not sure about NHS yet,” said junior Megan Skinner, “but it looks really good on a college application.”

Every semester, members of NHS do one group project and this fall semester they are gearing up to do a clothing drive for the homeless shelters in the area. Each person also has to do an individual service project at least once every semester. “I’m either going to volunteer at the Animal Rescue League or the Blank Children’s Hospital,” Swanson said.

“I’m going to be a big sister for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program,” Skinner said.

Though not all students can be in NHS, it definitely benefits everyone.

“This organization is great because I get to meet lots of new people and give back to the school and community at the same time,” Swanson said.



Junior Sam Toole (right) studies in American History. Students in NHS have to get good grades in school to stay in the program.



Junior Karinne Harmon, senior Nicole Nelson, and junior Kate Buckley listen to Vice-President Drew Neal about scholarship opportunities. Neal is a senior.



Senior Philip Nations takes notes in class. Nations is in Best Buddies and NHS.

Rohlwing Juniors.

## caring counts

Students have to do one volunteer project per semester. Here are some volunteer projects that NHS members have done.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Concessions at football and basketball games

Volunteering at homeless shelters

Animal Rescue League

## we run this

The officers for the National Honor Society are:

**President** -- Christie Kafer, Senior

**Vice-President** -- Drew Neal, Senior

**Treasurer** -- Megan Kirschbaum, Senior

**Parliamentarian** -- Rachel Millard, Senior

**Secretary** -- Traci Reid, Senior

Source: Hoover High School Website





Above: After winning the final game of the football season against North, senior **Steve Bjurstrom** and junior **Joe Muldoon** do a "Big 4." A "Big 4" consists of running, sprinting, bear crawls and up-downs. The boys were excited about the win and put the extra energy towards a "Big 4."

Far right: During one of the final meets of the season, junior **Scott Cram** is about to pin his opponent. Cram won 2nd at conference at 135 lbs. He has wrestled for three years.

Far right: At the meet against North sophomore **Jayne Leveke** dives off the starting block. Leveke is the daughter of coach Anita Leveke and has been swimming for 12 years.







# we are athletic

athletic

**a**thlete; a person who is trained for or naturally good at sports requiring physical strength, endurance and coordination. There are strengths and there are weaknesses when it comes to Hoover athletics, but that is not what makes the teams. Students sharing in the good times and making memories while getting exercise. The sports that we do succeed in help bring the school together. Without our teams, what would students do on Friday nights?



# workin' hard for the win



The freshman team completes a play during their game against SE Polk. The team played this game Sept. 17, before the varsity game.

“Hoover students should care about the football team because it’s part of their school,”  
-coach **Brian Tate**

If there is one thing the Hoover football team represents, it must be that Husky pride.

“The football team represents Hoover High School; where pride still matters,” said head coach **Brian Tate**.

The football team has grown a lot since last season; with 25 new players, the team’s main objective is to strive towards daily improvement.

“Our goal is to get better every day,” Tate said.

With practice five days a week and two hours each day, the coaches hope to work hard and improve on the skills of the players.

“It’s great to see them practice and learn drills, and then go out there and achieve what they have learned,” said freshman and assistant manager **Tiara Ziegler**.

In the off season, the football team works just as hard. The team visits numerous camps and programs, including Hoover’s very own football camp.

“We do a Roosevelt seven-on-seven passing league, summer clinics, and our own football camp at Camp Dodge,” Tate said.

To the coaches, recruiting is just as important as daily

improvement.

“We knew we had to walk the halls and recruit talented students, we were able to recruit a lot of kids,” Tate said. In the off season the coaches call every eighth grade students who play on the football team and set up home visits.

“There is still talent in this hallway that should be playing football,” he said.

Football managers **Medeja Donlagic**, and **Tiara Ziegler**, also agree that the team has grown a lot since last year.

“They have improved a lot since last year,” Donlagic said.

“They practice real hard, and we go out and try our best to win,” Ziegler said.

Although a lot of changes have been made with the football program, Tate would still like to see some more improvements.

“We would like to get a in-school athletic P.E. and have more involvement in the off season program activities.”

If there is one thing Tate would like to see the team accomplish this year it would be to get better everyday.

“Work together as a team and get better every day, our goal is to just get better every day.”

## What do you think?

*“With the school’s support they will get better.”*

-junior **Mercedes Craddock**

*“I think they try their best and no matter what we need to support them.”*

-sophomore **Allison Kirschbaum**

*“The football team is still under construction, but they’re working their way up.”*

-junior **Josh Signs**



The varsity players stretch out by doing lunges before their game. The team warms up before every game by doing stretchers and practicing plays.



The varsity players get pumped up before their game against SE Polk. Before every game the team gets pumped up by cheering and chanting.



The varsity team practices before their game against SE Polk. Hoover lost the game 49-18. Before every game, the team usually practices their plays to help warm-up.



The freshman team gets some guidance from their coach before heading back out on the field to face SE Polk. The freshman team usually plays their games before the varsity on Friday nights.



Two Hoover varsity players get tackled by SE Polk. SE Polk was the third game of the season.





# swimming for dave

**T**he pool is not just the pool anymore it is the Dave Linder Natatorium. The swim team isn't just swimming they are swimming for Dave. Dave Linder was the first boys swimming coach at Hoover in 1967 and girls swimming in 1973. He was the boy's coach for 30 years and the girl's for 20 years. He taught both girls swimming coaches, Tim Brown and Anita Leveke, to swim.

"He was just a big influence in a lot of peoples lives, he expected you to do your best." Leveke said.

After Linder's recent death the girls swim team and coaches decided to dedicate their season to him. The swim team walked around with green T-shirts that had the quote "We still care about quality for Dave," on the back of them.

"It was our way to pay respect to him, putting the quotes on our shirts was to remind people of how much he meant

to the Hoover swim teams," senior Amy Howland said.

The team's quality involved practices at 6 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. on Saturdays.

"The morning practices were really early but they were the most fun. They were easy-going," senior Rachel Millard said.

While caring about the quality, the team also created unity by having a camp out and team dinners besides spending four hours a day together. Even though swimming is individual sport it takes a team to win.

"We worked together more this year because we didn't have a lot of first place swimmers so we worked for second, third place which wins meets," Millard said.

The teams biggest wins were the polar bear invitational, Lincoln (again) and East. They finished the season by sending Kaitlin Clark to state.

The girls put quality into this season which was, in dedication to former coach Dave Linder.





Far left: A perfect dive by sophomore **Emily Lewis**. This is Lewis's second year swimming.

Left: Off the starting block, senior **Julia Busiek** dives in. Busiek was one of two captains.

Below: Sophomore **Shelly Ward** keeps up her momentum while swimming the 100 backstroke. Ward's favorite stroke is the freestyle, but she excels in her backstroke.



Left: Waiting on the starting block senior **Rachel Millard** gets ready to dive. Millard likes swimming relays because you get to work together with your teammates.

Above: Cheering on their teammates is a big part in girls swimming. Sophomore **Krista Kent**, senior **Julia Busiek** and junior **Emily Lewis** cheer for their teammates after they finished with their races.



# over the net

The volleyball team works hard to achieve their goals as they learn to work as a team.

**T**he Volleyball team is struggling to find a stride.

"As the girls learn to work as a team, they must remember there is no I in team. If we learn that one skill we may have a chance to achieve some of our goals," Coach Smith said.

"I think the most difficult thing to do during a volleyball game is to remember to call out when your going after the ball so you don't run into anyone else," Melissa (Mai) Penton said.

"A lot of people tend to think volleyball is

more of a woman's sport but when I practice I like to practice with guys because it makes it much more interesting," Enisa Jukic said.

"I think that it is very, very important to work together as a team. When you're not playing and your teammate is you should always be cheering," Tameka Hilson said.

The volleyball teams main goal is to learn to work as a team. The girls are making their way through the season trying their best.



**Junior Lydia Van Der Beek**

"Our last game was really fun. Everybody wanted to win so we played really well together."

**Senior Janelle Wright**  
"We improved from last year. We tried hard, did our best, but we could've done better."



**Senior Lisa Jefferson**

"Volleyball was the best time of my life. The season was great."





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Top left: Nyahok Duop prepares to bump the ball over the net while teammates stay ready.

Top right: Senior Janelle Wright and Sophomore Nyahok Duop give high-five after a dominating serve. Both were on the varsity team.

Bottom left: Sophomore Mia Penton watches the ball after she bumped it over the net.

Bottom Right: The JV team returns a serve from the opposing team. As Hoover tries to fakes out the other team.



# run, run, run



Left: Working hard. Senior Athen Kimberlin runs the race all the way through and finishes strong. Kimberlin was a first-year runner with the team this year.

**I**n the eyes of the seniors, the boys cross country team had a good season.

"I was happy with our team's success, we beat Ottumwa which was our goal for the whole year," senior Ted Glynn said.

Hoover finished third in the Metro Conference.

"Roosevelt and Lincoln are already state bound teams so beating everybody else in our conference was a big deal," Glynn said.

The team worked hard throughout the season, with some practices being held at Camp Dodge.

"That was the worst part about cross country, when we had to practice at Camp Dodge and had to run up those big hills," senior Mike Sinklier said.

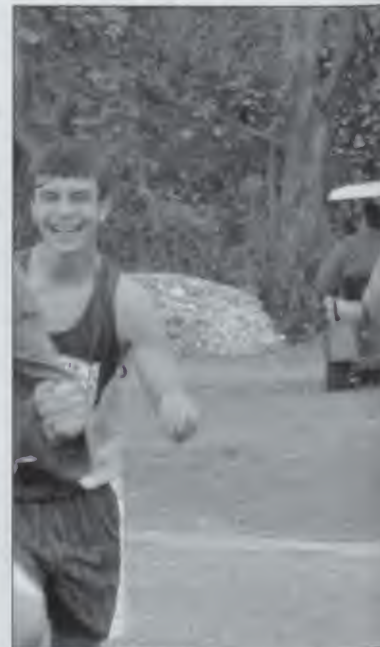
The hard practices issued by coach Ron Peterson helped improve the team. Both

Glynn and Sinklier agree that they have seen a vast improvement in their times this season.

"I've improved my time drastically by at least five minutes," Sinklier said. Although no one from Hoover made it to state, the team still had a successful season. Glynn had a handful of top 15 finishes and Sinklier, being the number one runner on the team, finished in the top 10 in many races.

The Huskies are losing four seniors, but the future looks bright for the boy's cross country team with freshmen Peter Schoneberg and junior Alex Emley leading the Huskies next year.

"Both were strong runners for us this year and they can only get better," Glynn said.



Time to warm up. Senior having a good time at





Above: Freshman Peter Schoneberg and senior Mike Sinkler talk strategy before the big race.



Above: Junior Scott Carroll finished strong. Carroll is also a member of the boys swimming team and also played baseball.



Mike Sinkler and junior Alex Emley prepare for a race and are the same time. This was Sinkler's final year of cross country.

Seniors are pleased with the success of their last season, and the underclassmen look forward to next year.



# run with pride

With four seniors leading the way, the girls are on their way to success

**V**arsity is better than junior varsity. No wait, junior varsity is better than varsity. Well, in the case of the girl's cross-country team, there is no difference. The runners on each team change from week to week.

"The runners for varsity and junior varsity switch each week because they are based on performance," senior Sara Schoneberg said.

"Everyone runs as a team," freshman Kristian Wood said.

Because there is no separation between the upper and lower level runners, team unity is evident.

"We all get along pretty well, but we sometimes pick on the younger girls," Schoneberg said.

In previous years freshmen initiation had been a tradition.

"We made them dress up in hula

skirts and wear goggles, but this year it wasn't allowed," Schoneberg said.

Of the twenty members of the team, only 4 were seniors, Schoneberg, Megan Burrows, Crystal Floden and Cherie Mayes. Schoneberg and Burrows were the team captains and both had run for seven years.

"The seniors give us pep talks before meets," Wood said, "and sometimes they lead practices."

As far as team achievements go, the girls are always improving.

"This year was the best we've done since I was in sixth grade," Schoneberg said, "we had a lot of girls that almost made it to state, and we have the hardest district."

With the help of the seniors, the team became strong.

"We all get along really well and are good friends, we like running together," Schoneberg said.



And they're off. Senior Megan Burrows looks like a blur as she is off to a speedy start. Co-captain Burrows is a senior that ran with the cross-country team all four years of high school.





Time for a pre-run chat. Coach Scott Schoneberg talks with varsity runner junior Jodi Harding before she warms up. Harding is a junior that has run with the varisty team since she was a freshman.



Check out the young runner. Freshman Emily Light stays focused as she runs through the trees at Sleepy Hollow.

## rough times

Cross-country takes physical and mental strength, the girls tell stories of the exhausting times they've had.

### -Cherie Mayes

"One time I was sick, but I kept running anyways to show the younger girls that you can still run as long as you have a positive attitude."

"My first race I didn't expect how tired I was going to be. I didn't expect to cry, it just happened. I felt like I was going to die I was so tired."

-Allison Kirschbaum

"You run so hard and you have so many emotions going through you. Your body is so tired and you are just so glad to be done with the race that you just cry."

-Hillary Pierson



# swinging success

**t**he hardest part is getting golfers," coach Steve Lundholm said.

The boys golf team had a good season, finishing third in the conference, and with Jack Newman participating in the state tournament.

The boys golf team will be returning everybody from this year except seniors Dan Gross and Nick Lovan.

Coach Steve Lundholm has high hopes for next year. He believes the team could go to state

next year with leadership from juniors Brent Eustice, Jack Newman and three year letterman Matt Owen.

Eustice has been playing golf for six years total; three years at Hoover. He also placed sixteenth at conference.

Eustice acquires inspiration from Tiger Woods and his teammate Jack Newman.

His goal for next season is to win conference.

During the offseason he participates in different sports and tries to find time to practice golf.



Junior Matt Owen swings for success. Owen played varsity golf and will be returning next year.



freshman Steven Stanley



sophomore Will Kennedy



sophomore Dave Gross



freshman Peter Wall

## Team Roster

Dan Gross(12)  
Nick Lovan(12)  
Jeff Brittian(11)  
Brent Eustice(11)  
James Kaiser(11)  
Jack Newman(11)  
Matt Owen(11)  
David Gross(10)  
William Kennedy(9)  
Steven Stanley(9)  
Alan Thorsen(10)  
Charles Zanders(9)  
Peter Wall(9)





Junior Jack Newman lines up for a nice approach. Newman has played golf all three years at Hoover and has shot one of the best round in Hoover history. Newman will be returning next year.





When we say go you say fight! Seniors Heidi Pierson, Rachel Millard, and junior Stephanie Jacobson, members of the White squad, lead the student section, aka "The Dawg Pound" in a cheer.



Left: One, two down, up. Junior Laura Hart sticks her extension while still cheering her heart out.



Right: Freshman Leslie Millard hits her lib during a half-time show of a sophomore game.





Freshman Leslie Millard performs a basket toss during half time of the sophomore game vs Dowling.



During a time-out, cheerleaders pep up the Hoover audience.



New coaches Andrea Eustice and Andy Long discuss cheers. Long is also a football coach.



JV cheerleader Akilah Jackson-Rushing(right) cheers with varsity cheerleader Nikki Evans.

# we want a victory

**W**hen you look at our school, our cheerleading squad doesn't show all the diversity our student body has," junior Elissa Robinson said.

"People have the typical stereotypes of cheerleaders so not many minorities try-out," senior Rachel Millard said.

Hoover's student body has most recently been compared with a melting pot. However, the extra curricular activities seem somewhat segregated. Cheerleading has always been associated with Caucasians and

Drill Team has always been associated with African Americans.

But of course, there are exceptions to every "rule." There are three minorities on the present cheer squad and Robinson plans on trying-out for next year's team.

"The same people try-out for drill team and the same people try-out for cheerleading; but I plan on changing that," Robinson said.

With the help of the new coach Andrea Eustice, who desires more diversity as well, changes are sure to come.



The freshman and junior varsity squads show their jumping skills during half time.





Above: Juniors Jack Newman and Timmy Jaynes having a good time on the bench. Both Newman and Jaynes have been playing basketball for three years. This is Newman's second year on varsity and Jaynes' first.

Above right: Juniors Tremaine Brown and Ray Miller and senior Dan Gross go up for a rebound.

Right: Junior Ray Miller goes up strong for the basket against Waterloo East. Miller has been a two year varsity starter.

## destination Vets

The boys basketball team is set to have a monumental year. They were ranked second in pre-season polls according to the Des Moines Register. Both the players and the coaching staff had high expectations for the season.

"Our ultimate goal is to be the Metro Conference Champions and qualify for state," senior Austin Carr said.

The Huskies are returning five seniors to the team and are extremely deep, so coach Charles Zanders and the other coaches have thought of a new strategy to help use that to their advantage. So the Bench Mob was created.

"It was Coach Zanders' idea to create the Bench Mob; he got it from the Sacramento Kings when they used it in the NBA Playoffs," junior Jack Newman said.

How the Bench Mob works is all five starters are substituted out at once by the Bench Mob members. The Bench Mob can stay in until they give up four points. As soon as four points are scored on them the starters go right back in.

"We control our own destiny, if we play well we stay in and if we play bad we come right out," Newman said.

The current members of the Bench Mob are juniors Jack Newman, Tremaine Brown, James Wiggins, and seniors Austin Carr and Matt Potratz.

"This is a good way for the starters to get rested and not let the other team gain too much ground on the score," Carr said.

The Bench Mob has stayed for as long as ten minutes and as little as two minutes, and has really given the Huskies a spark off the bench.

"The Bench Mob has made some nice runs and have broken some games open for us. I have a lot of confidence in them when they go in and I think those five could start for any other team," senior Jeremy Hellickson said.

The Huskies intend on winning state and with the talent that surrounds them on the floor and on the bench this could be a special year for them.





Left: Senior Jeremy Hellickson blows past an Ankeny defender. Hellickson has been playing Hoover basketball for four years and has been a varsity starter for three years.

Above: Junior De'Anthony Zanders brings the ball up the court to set up a play. Zanders has been playing Hoover basketball for three years and has been a varsity starter for two years.



Above: Starters check back in after a timeout starters are seniors Jeremy Hellickson and J'Sean Gaddy, juniors Ray Miller and De'Anthony Zanders, and sophomore Crasaun King. Hellickson, Zanders and Miller are returning starters from last year.

Right: Senior Dan Gross takes a shot as seniors J'Sean Gaddy and Austin Carr are ready for the rebound.





# all but one

**f**or the girls basketball team, it was a rebuilding year, but for one it was her last.

"I can't wait for new adventures," senior Janelle Wright said. Wright has been a part of the basketball program for all four years of high school.

"I'll miss everyone and especially the team dinners," Wright said. She'll also miss the workouts, "they weren't easy, but they were fun," said Wright.

Wright plans on attending a four-year college and will probably play basketball for fun.

Junior Cassandra Boston, however, plans on playing college basketball. But she's looking forward to next year because, "it will be a good season and we'll have a great team."

Boston thought the team had chemistry. "We had a good team, for our size and since there were younger players. Next year will be even better because we'll all be more experienced. We had a great season," she said.

Wright agrees. "I think we did a lot better than everyone expected. We built on the positive comments and proved everyone wrong with the negatives," she said.

"We'll have a good team next season, and hopefully we'll make it to state," Boston said.

"I was honored to be a part of this team," Wright said.

Now, we say goodbye to one senior, and hello to new ones.



Above: Watching the ball, junior Jazmynn Hutchings makes sure she knows where her opponent is going.



The crowd game was a Right: Freshm

## Shoot for knowledge

How much do you know about basketball?

- 1.) What is it called when a player takes one too many steps while holding the ball?
  - a. double dribble    b. travel    c. charging
- 2.) A ball that is shot and completely miss the rim and backboard called a:
  - a. drive    b. field goal    c. air ball
- 3.) An extra period used to break a tie at the end of a regular game is:
  - a. overtime    b. pivot time    c. key time
- 4.) A rebound is:
  - a. getting the ball after a missed shot    b. missing the ball    c. a pass
- 5.) Who was the first woman in the WNBA to dunk?

Answers: 1.) B    2.) C    3.) A    4.) A    5.) Lisa Leslie



## Team Roster:

- Cassondra Boston
- Andrea Jones
- Chardae King
- Nyahok Duop
- Jazmyn Hutchings
- Laechia Conley
- Mellisa Penton
- Charisse Brown
- Tiffany Guerrerro
- Janelle Wright
- Almina Letic
- Ashley Kitchen
- Tiara Ingram
- Jessica Barge



cheers on junior Laecia Conley as she jumps and shoots. "The Dowling disappointment. We shoulda won, but we all learned a lot from it," she said. Ashley Kitchen looks for a way out. Kitchen played on the varsity team.



Watch out Dowling, you can never get the Hoover girls! Dowling girls try using a full court press to guard against the girls.

for some it was a rebuilding year, for one, it was her last



# the boy's swim team had a successful year and sent seven swimmers to state **swimmin' to state**

**N**ew senior leaders, a new coach and a new outlook on swimming gave the boys the push they needed to send more swimmers to state. Along the way there were triumphs and defeats.

"Our meet against Mason City was disappointing, it was a blow out. But our win against Roosevelt was great. That win was the turning point of the season and gave us a lot of momentum," senior Jeff Stockton said.

That burst of momentum was enough to send seven swimmers and three alternates to state. Swimmers were freshman

Chase Anderson, sophomore Alan Thorsen, juniors Alex Emley, Jaymes Kaiser, Scott Carrol, and seniors Mike Solinger and David Light. Alternates were junior Matt Owen, senior Jeff Stockton and Aaron Bohn, a swimmer from North High school.

"We practiced really hard all season, so when we practiced for state it was easier," junior Jaymes Kaiser said.

Qualifying as a state swimmer is an awesome accomplishment. Preparing for such an intense event is important.

"I get a lot of sleep, eat well, stay healthy and 'get in the zone,'" Stockton said.

After the hour and a half trip to Marshalltown the boys and coach Anita Leveke got to experience the feeling of state.

"It's so hard to describe the feeling of being at state. It's so awesome having everybody watching you and cheering for you. There are so many more people there," senior David Light said.

The boys performed amazingly at state. The relays dropped time, which is good. Sophomore Alan Thorsen and junior Scott Carrol swam near their lifetime best.

Although the boys sent seven to state this year, an improvement from last year, there is still the potential to send more.

"For the size of our school we don't send very many swimmers to state," Kaiser said.

Overall, the senior leadership and the talent of the underclassmen led the boys to have a successful season.

Starting off  
block and on



Junior Scott Carroll dives into the water at the beginning of a race during a meet at Hoover. Carroll was a state swimmer and swam near his lifetime best in the 100 yard breaststroke.



Check out senior Mike Solinger swimming fast at the Roosevelt meet, which the boys won.



# the shaving process



**Step1: Bleach** The boys bleach their hair for about a week before districts in preparation to shave it all off later.

## Step2: Head

Sophomore manager Emily Lewis shaves sophomore Jake Hestbech's head with an electric razor.

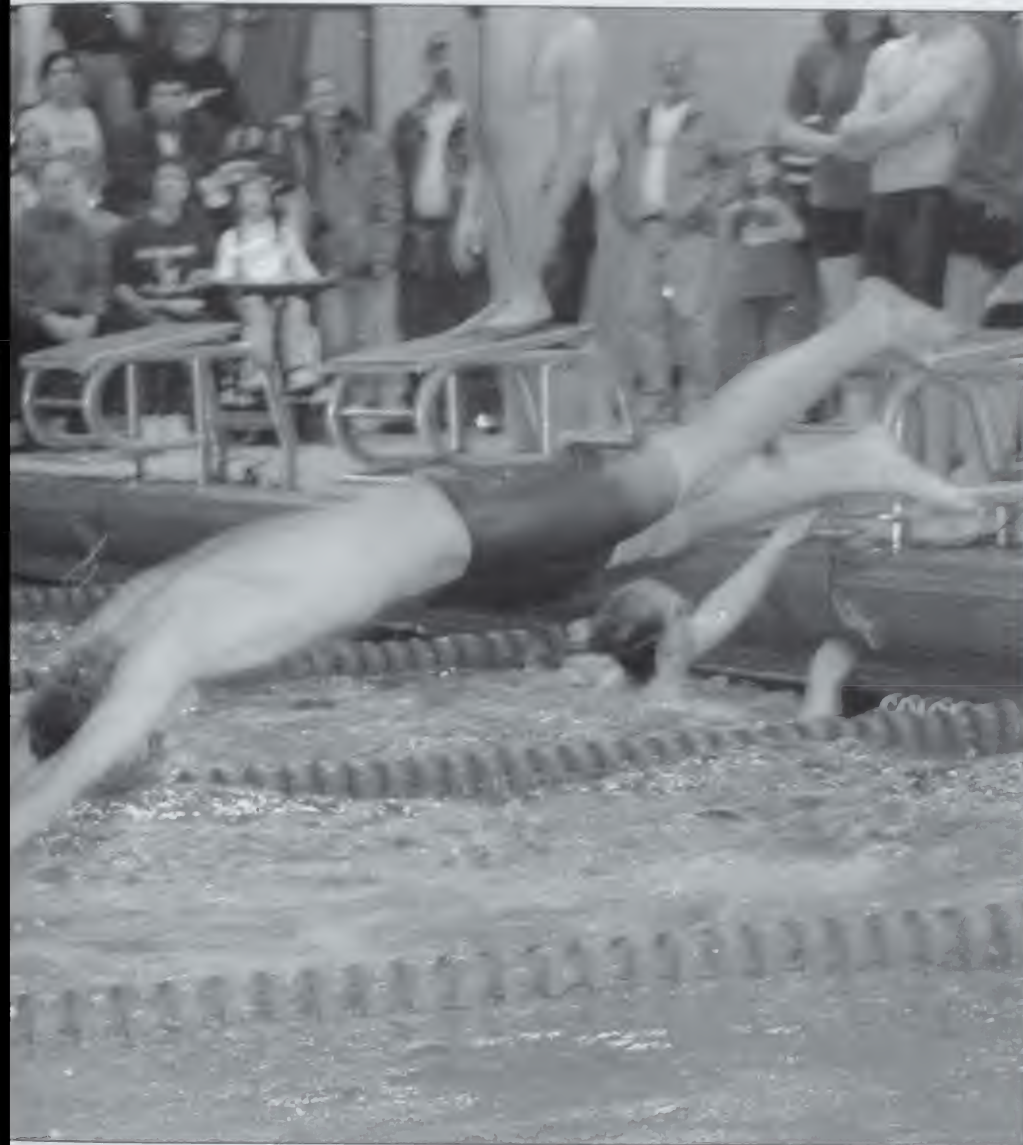


**Step3: Legs** senior Jeff Stockton shows off his hairless right leg.



## Step4: Arms

Shaving cream and Gillette Mach3 take off the remaining stubbles on senior Drew Neal's arm.



the race with a splash. Junior Jaymes Kaiser, a third year swimmer, is off the his way to a win. Kaiser's favorite stroke is the freestyle, which is also his best.



"My favorite stroke is the backstroke," senior Jeff Stockton said. Pictured above is Stockton swimming the backstroke. Stockton was an alternate for state.





Above: Sophomore **Kenyon Murphy** has been wrestling for three years. Murphy wrestles at a 103 pounds at the varsity level.

Above right: Sophomore **Stephen Sengbusch** wrestles at a 125 pounds. This was Sengbusch's first year.

Junior **Scott Cram** wrestles at a 135 pounds. Cram place second in conference.

Junior **Robert Mathew** wrestles at a 189 pounds. Mathew's has wrestled for four years and place second in conference.





# arctic fusion

Imagine it's your first time at a wrestling meet, wondering why people are fighting each other, and you look around and see so much excitement on the spectators faces.

I was anticipating, because I know nothing about wrestling, other than watching WWE Raw on Monday nights. I sat there listening to people scream and laugh.

I start to pay more attention to the fight and end up shouting, "Go! Huskies! Fight! Fight! Fight!" I became part of the crowd. I used to think wrestling wasn't real, that it was just entertainment, but I was wrong.

After the meet I asked one of the wrestlers how much work was put into this season. He said a lot of running and wrestling during the off season.

"We have to do a lot of practicing and activities as a team." Junior Jacob Munoz said.

I then asked Coach Gene Hildreth,

"Do you think your team perform well this season? I asked.

"Yes, we always do our best and no matter what the outcome, win or lose, all that matters is that we gave it our best," coach said.

They did their best, they're conference champions and they had a great season.

Hoover huskies and North Polar bears combined wrestling teams to create an arctic fusion. They had a lot of great accomplishments and became conference champions.







Above: Students in **Dawnda Roney's** concepts algebra class check their test. Junior **Nikki Evans**, sophomores **Jennifer Jones**, **Kellen Sanders**, **Barbara Baccam** and junior **Megan Miras** work in groups during class.

Far right: During **Judith Renoux's** Word Processing class, sophomore **Brian Uhl** works on his project. Word Processing is a class designed to help students improve their typing skills. Uhl was also a safety on the varsity football team.

Right: Reading is a fundamental of school. Junior **Zach Nulph** takes notes on his book during **Linda Brown's** English class to practice this fundamental skill.







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# we are learning

**A**cademics; of, relating to, or characteristic of a school, especially one of **higher learning**. School is not just a place to hang out at until graduation day, it is a place to learn. Students learn about history, math and life in general. But learning can be fun. Teachers find creative ways of encouraging students attend class, and students attend these classes to learn. Students acquire knowledge so that they can succeed later in life.



Marybeth Newman points out how to do one of the homework problems. Newman has been teaching at Hoover for 7 years.



Junior Kenny Patton was chosen to work out a problem on the overhead. He was correct.



Math teacher Amanda Koehler explains certain formulas in Integrated III by making the class do an exploration from the book. She went over it with them on the board.



# you're gonna need it

## the importance of math credits in high school

Whether students think math is important or not, it is. A student must acquire two years of math to graduate from high school. Most students are aware of this but don't necessarily take it seriously right away.

Pupil services coordinator Kimber Foshe believes that students should take their credits seriously as soon as eighth grade.

"Yes, I take my math credits seriously. In order to get a scholarship that I've been offered at Creighton, I have to complete calculus," senior Kelly Burk said.

Students should not only think of what credits they need to graduate but also how many it takes to get into the colleges of their preference. Most of the time, their requirements are different than those of the high schools'.

"I always ask students to call the colleges they want to apply for and ask for their

requirements," Foshe said.

The University of Northern Iowa requires three years of math. That would include math through Algebra II. Iowa State University wants their applicants to have taken three years of math, also. The University of Iowa has different prerequisites for their different colleges. The college of Liberal Arts requires three years of math while the College of Engineering requires four.

Looking and preparing for colleges mean preparing yourself for future careers.

Yes, different colleges may have bigger math departments but almost any college will allow you to major in math. Even if an individual isn't interested in pursuing a career directly related with math, they still may major in it. Math is logic and so it's associated with many careers.

"I want to go into psychiatry for right now. Math isn't directly related but I'm

sure it is somehow," Burk said.

It's encouraged that math is taken for more than the required amount of years in high school. "A lot of people will just drop math and think it doesn't relate at all," Burk said.

Some students drop math because they become frustrated and aren't confident. They should talk to their counselor about it because many times frustration can be helped.

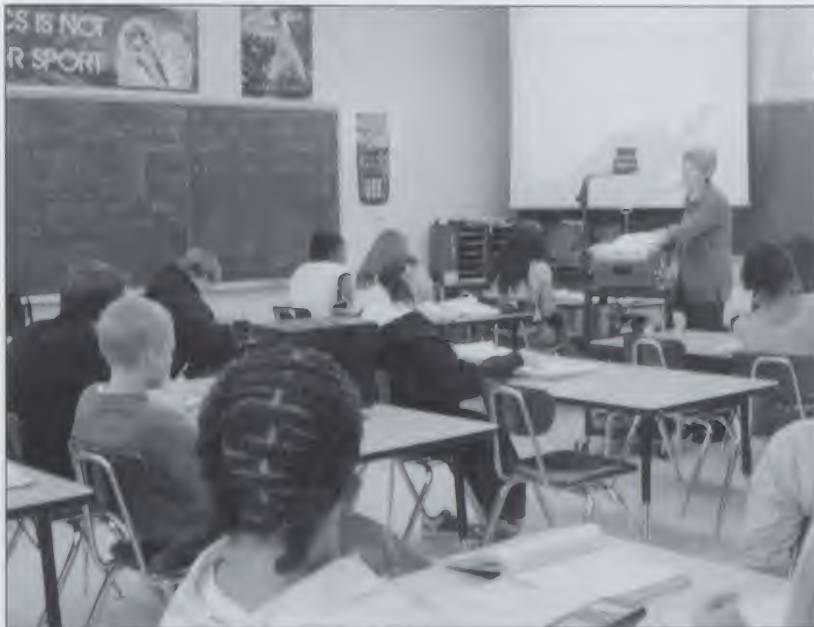
"The first thing out of my mouth is 'Does the teacher know how frustrated you are?'"

It's not fair if the teacher doesn't know. More one on one time can help and give the student more confidence," Foshe said.

Don't give up and give math a chance.

"I think math is very important simply because it will open doors to opportunities in the future that would otherwise be shut and you never want to shut doors," Foshe said.





Above: Marybeth Newman, teacher in the math department, explains problems that the students in her Integrated III math class are having trouble with.

Below: Junior Travis Brown works on correcting his homework in his third period geometry class. "You don't need to solve for  $x$  to do your taxes," Brown said. He doesn't like being in geometry.



Above: Amanda Keohler's first job as a teacher started second semester. She took the full time position for Janet Doudna, also new to Hoover, who decided to switch to part time after first semester. Keohler puts up the answers to the night before's homework on the overhead.

Left: Sophomores Dan Tasler, Troy Strom, and James Wilkerson work on math homework in Mrs. Newman's fifth period Integrated III class.





Juniors Andrea Sykes and Hannah Laird work together on a chemistry worksheet.



Junior Mercedes Craddock rests her eyes during her second period chemistry class.



Sharla DeZwarte, Eric Hall's student teacher, helps a student at the chalkboard.



Juniors Sadnan Mehanovic and Kim Alex sit in their second hour chemistry class and listen in on a class discussion.

# chemistry: cool or cruel?

First year chemistry students share their thoughts and experiences on this science class

**W**hen most students approach their junior year, they start thinking about their new classes, and for most of them, one of those new classes is chemistry.

Two juniors, Mercedes Craddock and Andrea Sykes, currently taking chemistry, share their thoughts on this class.

"I enjoy chemistry. I like the labs we do. It's a hard subject, but Mr. Hall teaches it well," Craddock said. Craddock has a lot of likes and dislikes from her first semester in chemistry. "I liked the labs, and my peers," she said. But Craddock does agree that the class is challenging. "Sometimes I'll get one thing, but the next unit we do I'll be stupid at," Craddock said.

"I think its ok. I wish we had more experiments and stuff, hands-on activities," Sykes said. Sykes said that she loves the hands-on activities. "I am all with the activity stuff, I like the activities." Sykes plans to become a doctor, so next year she plans on taking Chemistry 2. Sykes agrees with

Craddock, that the class is challenging. "I kinda think chemistry is hard, there is a lot of math stuff, and I am not good with math," Sykes said.

All the students at Hoover know that when the semester rolls down, the finals start up, and chemistry is no exception. Craddock and Sykes also agree that the final will be hard. "It's going to be hard because its not my best subject," Craddock said.

To prepare for the final, Sykes said that she was going to study her materials. "I will study all of my notes, the book, and my project," she said.

Well as first semester comes to an end, students also start thinking about the next semester ahead. Craddock thinks that more funds could be used for the class. "Like everything else, the class could probably use more funds for better equipment," she said.

As these two students wind down their first semester in chemistry they both hope for a successful second semester.





Juniors Brooke Gates and Caitlin Riordan in Eric Hall's second period chemistry class work on balancing equations. For both, this is their first year taking chemistry.



Students in Eric Hall's second period class work on a worksheet on balancing equations. For second semester, Eric Hall has a student teacher, Sharla DeZwarte.

## just for fun

Try to unscramble these chemistry terms.

- 1) icyhtersm
- 2) elmnstee
- 3) upodmoscn
- 4) edailbir oeptc
- 5) dhgerony
- 6) astom
- 7) csiad
- 8) mcoab
- 9) oynegx
- 10) teramt

Answers: 1)chemistry, 2)elements, 3)compounds, 4)periodic table 5)hydrogen, 6)atoms, 7)acids, 8)carbon, 9)oxygen, 10)matter

Source: [www.superkids.com](http://www.superkids.com)



# it's all about opinion

To get your high school diploma, you have to have four English credits. But why is English class so important?

English teacher Jennifer Shiek thinks English class is important because, "Not only does it help them become effective communicators, it's important to become exposed to pieces of literature."

Shiek has been a teacher at Hoover for four years. Her mother inspired her to become a teacher. "My mom was a teacher and she had similar teaching methods. Students always said she was the one who inspired them."

Freshman Alyssa McNeeley likes her English class... sorta. "I like not getting homework," she said. McNeeley also said she enjoys class because of her teacher. "Ms. Shiek is the best! She can really relate to us."

But, there are some people who don't like the class. "I think some people don't like English because they don't understand it," McNeeley said.

Neuwerth said, "some students don't like it because you gotta read, and reading takes time." She also thinks teachers should, "do more group work and more class discussions. Bookwork sucks." McNeeley also thinks there should be more class discussions and, "teachers should have students be more

involved."

"Above vocabulary and reading, you should learn more of who you are as a student and as a person in the world," Shiek said.

McNeeley said, "I think it's important to take English class so you don't sound like an idiot."



Junior Zack Nulph, hard at work in English class. As he worked on a worksheet, he used the book for help. Don't worry, it's not cheating.



Junior Shaneice Thomas thinking about the book she's reading.

## Do you like English class?

### SURVEY SAYS:

47% said they liked English

35% said they didn't like it

18% said they didn't care





Junior Cara Krug reading intently in English teacher Linda Brown's class. Shh! She's trying to read!



Junior Emily Barnhill, is she sleeping or reading? Wake up Emily! You're sitting right by the teachers desk!

## Get to know some English teachers

**Name:** Jennifer Shiek

**AKA:** Ms. Shiek

**Years at Hoover:** 4

**Zodiac Sign:** Gemini

**Favorite Movie:**

*Dances*

*With Wolves*

**High School:**

Washington

in Cedar Rapids

**Name:** Linda Brown

**AKA:** Ms. Brown

**Years at Hoover:** 5

**Zodiac Sign:** Leo

**Favorite Movie:** *The Odd Couple* (the first one)

**High School:** It's in South Dakota

**Name:** John Eller

**AKA:** Mr. Eller

**Years at Hoover:** 22

**Zodiac**

**Sign:** Sagittarius

**Favorite Movie:**

*Songs from the Second Story*

**High School:** Knoxville

"I think it's important to take English class so you don't sound like an idiot."

-**freshman Alyssa McNeeley**

"It's important because you have to deal with English every day."

-**senior Kyla McKenzie**

"It's important to have communication skills."

-**sophomore Barbara Baccam**

"When you get to college and write papers, you need to know the right way to do it."

-**junior Jessica Vanderlinden**



Get to work! English students read *Running Loose*. "I really like this book. It's great," said junior Mirela Suljic said.



# the facts of life



"Government is easy. All you have to do is show up and do your work."

-Junior Elissa Robison



"Mr. Koch always asked me if I was going to see him at graduation. My response was 'Yep, first row.'"

-Senior Porcha Butts

**d**id you ever think that you would need world history or government to be apart of your life?

Well, you better think again. Max Duvall, a government and American history teacher said "Government is important to study because it has a big impact on our lives."

Duvall also said that the best part of being a teacher is the seniors in the class and the worst is the "general lack of interest in the class."

The girls in his classes do better because girls have tendency of being organized and tend to turn in their work. Duvall said that he will always treat his daughter the way he treats his students, studying wise, because it's important to him.

"Everyday is a new beginning," said Phil Carlson. Phil Carlson has been a world history teacher for 15 years. A typical day for him is never the same; it's always different.

"The best part of being a teacher is trying to take ancient history and put in the modern world today," Carlson said.

Carlson also said that world history feeds the mind so that you will know what and how we got the things that we have today. It all depends on the person to try to do there best.

Students that take World History or government said that sometimes they are interested in some of the early civilizations back in the B.C's.

"World history can be sometimes boring it depends on who is teaching the class," said sophomore Tasjanae Walker.

"Government is really easy if you just show up and do the work it's nothing to it," said junior Morris Amara.

Teachers that have studied this subject never thought that they would actually teach it. Some just knew right then and there that would teach world history or government.



Social Science teacher Maureen Murphy, her students are listening and paying good attention to the overhead about the subject government. Take good notes for the quiz; good luck, class.



## Students and teachers discuss the world of history and government



Government teacher Max Duvall teaches his students the importance of government and history "Government is a subject that students find more important the older they get," Duvall said.



"It's important to me to let students understand the history of our world."  
- Phil Carlson, World History Teacher

### did you know...

--> you need to take government, economics, American history and world history to graduate?

--> did you know that most Americans don't know the constitution of the american government?

--> on May 7, 1915 German u- boats sunk the Lusitania with 1195 lives lost including 123 americans?

--> on April 2, 1917, President Wilson addressed Congress and stated, "the world must be made safe for democracy." On April 6, the U.S. congress declared war on Germany.

--> t women with more education (high school) got jobs in offices working for suffrage.

--> the four factors of the outbreak of World War I in Europe are nationalism, imperialism, militarism and alliances.

--> in the 1900's, President Wilson traveled to Europe to push for a "peace plan" called the Fourteen Points that he hoped to prevent future wars?





Copy editor Erin Huckins checks a story before it is put into the paper. Everything that goes into the paper is edited.



Junior Samantha Toole gets the Hoover Beat from the vocal music department. Hoover Beats are found on the back page of the paper.



Senior Lawrell Birk, junior Samantha Toole, senior Anna Danielson, and junior Ryan Young work on pages of the paper. Every staff member

## what's news?

“Being on newspaper is so much fun because you get to meet such great people”

“I need your beats by 10:05! So get them in,” Senior and Co-editor-in-chief of the Challenger Jack Erpelding said.

In the fast paced class of newspaper, this is just another day full of deadlines, stress, and stories. “It’s always busy in newspaper. You’ve got a paper to bring out every two weeks and you’ve got to get everything done and fixed up in order to bring out a great paper,” said junior Stephanie Frazer.

With all that stress, why would anyone want

to be in newspaper? Frazer says that for her it’s a personal love.

“I like to write a lot and I figured people would like my writing if I had it published for people to read,” said Frazer.

“The only bad thing about being in newspaper is being stuck in writers block,” Frazer said.

Some members of the student body seem to appreciate Frazer’s writing. With stories that focus on CD reviews and stuffing herself into tight spaces, Junior Mercedes

Craddock says she finds Frazer’s stories funny.

“Only Stephanie would think about writing about stuffing herself into lockers and suitcases. It’s kind of weird, but I read the school paper to be entertained and she certainly does that,” she said.

“Being on newspaper is so much fun because you get to meet such great people and just be impressed by how much talent they really have in making this newspaper possible,” Frazer said.





contributes something to every issue.



Staff members work hard to get the issue of the paper done. All of the newspaper layouts are done on the computer.



Junior Erin Huckins and co-editor in chief Jack Erpelding discuss the progress of the paper. The paper is sent out every two weeks.

## The one about ...

**Students share their favorite Challenger stories.**

"I liked the drive safe one. I can't drive yet, but it was good advice."

—freshman Tiara Ziegler

"I liked the one on the lunch lady by Kelli Shaffner."

—sophomore Stephanie Hutchison

"I liked the one that rhymed by Erik Harvey about 'Seussical the Musical'"

—senior Jake English



**S**tarting their day with a BANG, band works at perfecting their music. Lasting 127 minutes, band is the only class that starts at seven in the morning.

So why are band and orchestra different from other classes? Well, it is music. Okay, so is choir, but there once again is a difference.

"In choir everyone was born with their instrument and practiced it since they were little, in band you have to afford an instrument and be disciplined enough to practice it," band instructor Dana Andrews said. There is "no paperwork," senior David Hebl-Bagshaw said.

"You actually know everybody in the class and we actually get along," sophomore Charlee Banghart said.

There are many different band classes/extra curricular activities you can do. Jazz band, concert band and marching band are just a few.

With that it could take anywhere between one week and eight weeks to learn a song, depending on the difficulty.

Orchestra has taken five to six weeks to learn the music for their concerts. They were under the direction of a new teacher, Lisa Fried.

Not too many people go to band and orchestra concerts partially because they might think it is boring. Not all the music is from the classical or baroque periods.

"We did the beach boys one year," sophomore Lindsey Sample said.

Band and orchestra could also be helpful towards college, or even future careers. Are there any students now that might have a future in music?

"Any one of them," Fried said could have a future in music, "...they are all very talented, they just need to be focused in the right direction."

Andrews is going onto his fifth year at Hoover. Since Andrews has been here band has progressed. "...rehearsals are much better now and much less talking," Andrews said.

Band and orchestra students participate in contests and take trips, some being away from school. The school does not necessarily pay these for these. Band and orchestra have to raise money for their trips. The only expectations for orchestra is, "To increase their listening skills and to make sure that everyone is enjoying their orchestra experience not just filling a seat," Fried said.



Playing their instruments Tanner Heintz, David Hebl, Colin Whittie, Andrew Foster, Anthony Olson and Lydia Van Der Beek practice their songs for the winter concert.



Orchestra students senior Michele Gunderson and sophomore Yvette Rodriguez practice while their teacher Lisa Fried is absent.



# Band and Orchestra

## Practice makes perfect... almost



Preparing for the Halloween tour, sophomores Gillian Dietz and Shazif Bachelani follow along with their music.

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Band is not your typical classroom class.



Practicing for marching band, sophomore Charlee Banghart, freshman Tanner Heintz, and senior David Hebl play their saxophones.

## Did You Know...?

- 1.) Dana Andrews has been a band teacher for 16 years.
- 2.) Lisa Fried has been teaching privately for 19 years, since she was in high school.
- 3.) There are 11 different band classes/extra cirricular activities.
- 4.) There are two orchestra classes and two quartets.
- 5.) Band and orchestra work like any sports team; you need everyone.



# The Fundraising Blues

Money is needed in every department, and the vocal music department has their fundraisers just like everyone else. Here are some of the fundraisers they are doing this year.

1. Entertainment Coupon Books
2. Mr. Z pizza sales
3. Candy Sales
4. Annual Rock-a-thon

*Source: Vocal Music Handbook*



Anna Danielson practices a song for Hoover Harmony. Danielson has been a member of Harmony for three years.



Michelle Liston and Jessica Miller practice an alto part. Both are in prep choir.



Chane Brooks, Michelle Zimmerman, and Samantha Jones practice for an upcoming concert. All are in Prep Choir.



Danny Gooding and Travis Brown practice music after school. Both are members of Chamber Choir.



Jeff Stockton, David Bicket, Danny Gooding, David Willer, Julia Busiek, Stehpanie Jacobson and Anna Danielson practice for an upcoming Harmony concert.

## for the record

### five quick facts about the vocal music department

1. The Vocal Music department has 155 people in it.
2. There are five choir classes.
3. There are around four concerts each year.
4. There is only one teacher (Aaron Albin) in the Vocal Music department.
5. The program has a parents group called Vocal Music Boosters





Choir director Aaron Albin plays the piano at an after-school practice. Albin is the only director this year due to budget cuts.

## with one voice

**W**ith every new school year comes many new changes, and the vocal music department has had their fair share in the past year.

The loss of an accompanist has been hard on the department, but the loss of an assistant director at the end of the 2003-2004 school year really hit the program hard.

"We're supposed to have five choirs meet during class time and two meet after school, but I don't know if I will have time for all of them by myself," said vocal music director Aaron Albin. "It's a lot of work for one person to do."

Even with this major setback, the department is gearing up for some big events this year.

"We're teaming up with the drama

department for our musical which is going to be *Seussical the Musical*. I'm really excited," Albin said.

"I'm looking forward to the Masterworks Concert when the orchestra and the band play with us because it's such a bigger sound than just the piano," sophomore Allison Kirschbaum said.

Another event that many choir students are looking forward to this year is the vocal music trip during spring break.

"We're going to do a lot of fundraising for it though, junior Brittany Stull said.

"I'm going to work hard to have every member become independent musicians, and have fun in the process," Albin said.



Cherie Mayes and Stephanie Jacobson, both Chamber Choir members, practice after school.



Jeff Stockton practices music after school. This is Stockton's second year in Chamber Choir.

"I need to try to make every choir the best it can be."

-Aaron Albin





A group of students play a game of basketball in the second period gym class. Two years of gym is required for students to graduate high school.



Junior Kim Alex and sophomore Mitch Ballard get ready to play flag football during a Peopel PE class. Peopel PE class. Peopel PE is a daily class.



Students kick around a soccer ball during a PE class. PE students participate in a lot of activities during the year.





Coach Pete oversees stretches in PE. Stretches are a daily activity in PE.

# it's a love-hate thing

**P**E has been one of the most notorious high school classes for quite a while, and it is no secret that some students don't like it.

Junior Calli Laudick took PE her freshman and sophomore year, and is currently a student helper in PE. "My freshman year we had more activities and it kept the students interested in the class," Laudick said. Laudick enjoyed her freshman year in PE, but disliked her sophomore year. "Students don't like PE now, which is just walking and basketball," she said.

Sophomore Larissa Welch agrees. "I like PE sometimes when we get to have a choice on what we get to do," Welch said.

Although, there are a few things that appeal to Welch, "I like that my friends are in my PE class, because it makes it more fun," she said.

Probably one of the most famous lines given when asked why someone doesn't like PE is, "Because I don't like to dress." Welch agrees with this. But it seems that the thing that's getting those students who dread PE through it is their friends.

So it's easy to see, PE class is a love-hate thing for many students.

But maybe a good alternative to the regular gym class is People PE, a class designed where handicapped students and other students who would normally take regular PE, get a chance to take PE together. "I love it, it's a great idea," Laudick said.

## what's the difference?

**PE and Peopel PE: both are physical, but what's the difference?**

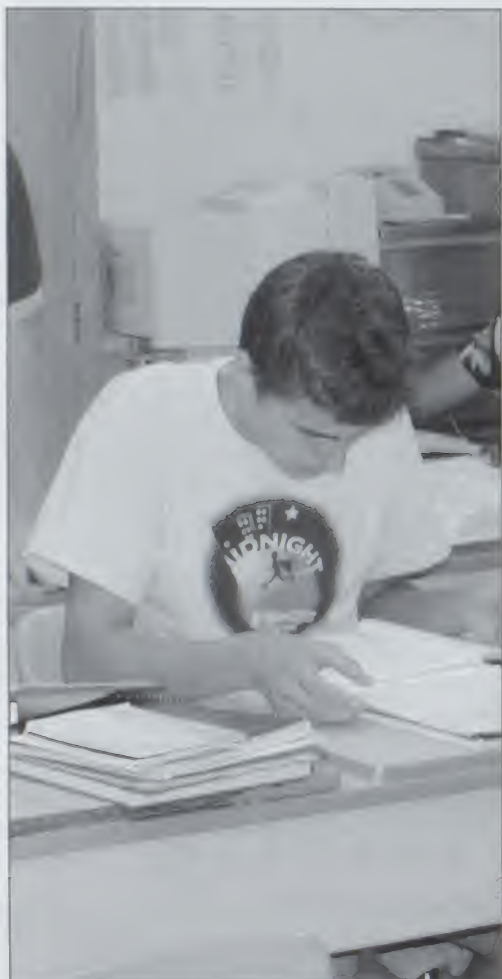
PE - The physical education program is designed to contribute total development of the student through a variety of activities.

Peopel PE - The physical education opportunity for exceptional learners (PEOPEL) program, is designed on the concept of peer helpers in physical education.

Source: Hoover High School Course Directory

students share why they like and dislike their PE classes.





Above: Senior Michael Sinklier studies during class time.  
 Left: Senior Brandi Lewis reads a Spanish book during a free time in spanish class. Some students use their time to finish their homework.





# twisting your tongue

When you think about a foreign language the first thing that runs to your mind is Spanish, but Beth Eilers wants to let you know that, "Spanish is not the only option."

Eilers has been teaching French for 11 years at Hoover, and is the only French teacher in the building. This year Eilers started a French club to cover what can't be covered during class time.

"The hardest thing about learning French is to recognize the masculine and feminine," senior Leradee Fomsi said. He's been speaking French for seven years, and says the benefit of being bilingual is communicating with different people. He also enjoys the French program at Hoover, and Eilers encourages every student to take a foreign language in high school.

"If you want to learn you could learn Spanish here, it will happen, I can teach you, but not learn it for you," Spanish teacher Gerald Hollingsworth said.

Hollingsworth is the only original teacher that's been here since 1967.

"I like the Spanish program at Hoover, Senor is a good teacher," fifth year Spanish student Brandi Lewis said.

"Spanish is a skill, and it takes a disciplined person to succeed, but it has its personal rewards," Hollingsworth said.

Lewis wishes to go on using her bilingual skills to get paid more money in the future.

"Even though Spanish is really hard, I think that we need a Spanish club," Lewis said. Hollingsworth thinks it would interrupt with kids activities outside of school. "The hardest thing about learning Spanish is taking the time to discipline yourself," Hollingsworth said.

Foreign Language is required to graduate. Students can choose between Spanish and French.



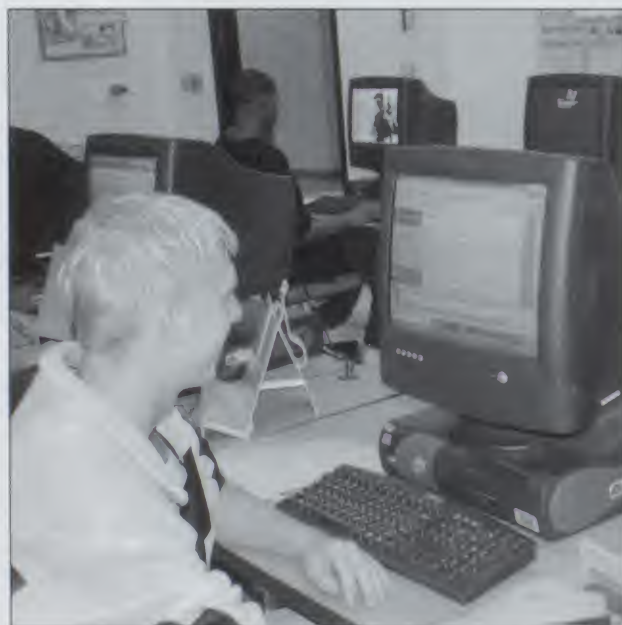
Seniors Rebecca Homard and Lisa Jefferson have a chat during free time. Senor Hollingsworth gives students some time during the class to work on their homework, but some students choose to use the free time for other things.





Above: Students take their computer classes seriously. Senior Jessica Welter concentrates while working on a power-point presentation.

Right: Is he working or playing? Junior A.J. Jorgenson surfs the internet while looking for information in Judith Renoux's Media-Internet class.



Far right: Having a little down time. Senior Mike Solinger relaxes on the couch in Renoux's Media-Net class. Solinger was a student in the Web-design class and a student service worker for Media-Net class.





# technology is the future

Students use  
computer classes  
to prepare for the  
future

**B**usiness and computer classes have been around forever at Hoover, but now more than ever students are taking these classes to prepare for their future careers.

Hoover offers a wide range of classes everything from business law, to multi-media net, and computer applications.

Tom Holcomb, a junior, will have taken all of the computer classes offered, including business law by the end of his junior year. "People take them because their future depends on computers" Holcomb said.

Another junior, Megan Skinner, has also taken a couple of computer classes. "I am interested in how to use computers and I would like to get better at it to have a future career in it" Skinner said.

Over the past couple of years the technology department has improved. This year, there are new computers and they have Windows XP (the latest version of Windows). "Its good that we have Windows XP" Holcomb said. A couple years ago the technology department also got new servers. These serves allow the students to save their

schoolwork on their server, keeping students' work organized and easy to find. "I think its really helpful, its easy to find your stuff and its organized" Skinner said.

So, what draws students to these classes? Not only will it prepare them for their future, but students enjoy the curriculum, "I have learned more about Power Point and all the cool effects you can do with it" Skinner said. Students also like the teachers, Mrs. Renoux, one of the business and computer teachers, are liked by many of the students. "I love Mrs. Renoux, she's my favorite teacher. She is so enthusiastic and makes you want to be in that class" Skinner said.

But as always, there are things that can be improved on. "They could update textbooks" Holcomb said. "They could provide more funding." Skinner said.

Many teachers and administrators hope to be preparing student for their future when you spend their four years at Hoover, and with the business and computer classes, they do just that. Technology is the future.



No better time to learn. Senior Greg Ervanian gets help from Media-net teacher Judith Renoux.



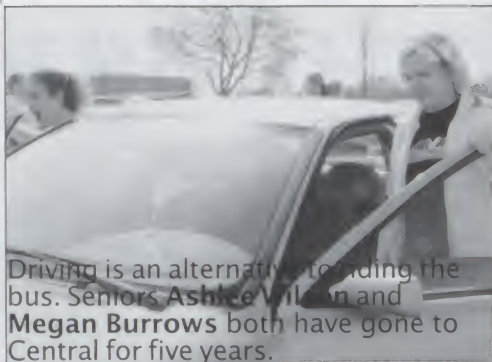
Junior Joe Muldoon focuses on his computer project. Muldoon was also a football player.



## Going to Central Campus



Freshman **Christine Attey** takes the bus to Central. Attey takes Italian, which isn't offered at Hodver.



Driving is an alternative to riding the bus. Seniors **Ashlee Wilson** and **Megan Burrows** both have gone to Central for five years.



Juniors **Alex Rooney**, **Kalee Kleinhesselink**, **Zach Rhowing** and **Josie Gerriettes** walk among other friends on their way to Central.



Above: Senior **Porschia Butts** waits in line at Taco John's as junior **Lacrishia Franklin** orders her lunch. Butts and Franklin are some of the many students that goes to Merle Hay Mall for lunch.

Left: Junior **Brandon Rowland** sips his pop from Arby's. "I like getting out of school and getting food. My favorite is Wendy's because they have good spicy-chicken sandwiches," Rowland said.



## What do you think of the lunch system?



"Our lunchroom gets really crowded, there isn't enough room for everyone,"  
-Freshman **Eden Stokka**



"Lunch is like Spandex, it stretches but not to far."  
-Senior **Jake Kenney**



"Lunch is hella crowded. If they split underclassmen and upperclassmen it would be better."  
-Junior **Erik Harvey**



"I wish we could go off campus for lunch,"  
-Freshman **Katie Lovan**

Right: Students make a mad dash to the exit line during the half hour lunch break. Some students do everything from going out the enter, going over the grass and cutting people off.





# off campus

**W**hat is one of the best kept secrets in Des Moines? Central Campus.

Central Campus offers 29 career and technical areas and 21 Advanced Placement or Enrichment courses that students can't take at their home school.

"It is a pretty complicated place, when you get down to it, but it is most definitely the crowned jewel of the Des Moines Public School System," Central Campus monitor Scott Noah said.

All different kinds of students from over 40 different high schools attend Central Campus. Central Campus is open to any student from all central Iowa high schools on space-available basis.

"The vocational courses offer everything from robotics to nursing. It also has its own aviation lab at the airport, which has NASA jets, Huey helicopter and all kinds of other aircraft. They also have their own farm, a complete automotive department and they

build a house from the ground up," Noah said.

For most students taking vocational classes, this is their college. For the Academy students, this is just a prep school for college.

"I think Central will have better prepared me for college, my study habits are treated more like a college student so it gives me more of a taste of what college is like," senior Ashley Comer said.

Last year alone Central Campus saved \$1.2 million in tuition costs in college because students have the opportunity to get college credit. But with all the advantages come disadvantages.

Central campus students almost always run into problems scheduling their classes and not being informed what is going on at their home school.

"I wish that kids were able to take all the classes they wanted to and not have to pick and choose between academic classes because of scheduling conflicts," Comer said.

Students get to leave campus, whether it is for lunch or Central Campus. But with new rules, freshman aren't allowed to leave campus for lunch.







Mike Keiter gets some one-on-one attention from teacher Chris Knee. When asked which student should be interviewed Knee stated, "This kid. I know he will go far in whatever he does."

# students that soar



Ebony Dixon and her old teacher Jodie Schepler smile for the camera.

The infamous bird courses help students to soar.

You know the elective classes you take because you can 'fly' right through them, or just because you need to fill up your schedule.

Well to some students Family and Consumer Science classes, also known as FACS, and tech Ed classes are more than just an easy A, they are an inspiration; and in the eyes of two students, they are future careers.

Senior, Ebony Dixon admits that in the beginning she used to take FACS classes because they were easy. In her four years of high school Dixon has taken Adult Living, Relationships, Family and Consumer Science, and Food and Nutrition.

"One day I realized that I really do like to cook," Dixon said.

Her enjoyment soon escalated

and she is now enrolled in a 12-month course, 3-month externship at the Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona that begins June 11, 2005. When asked why she decided to become a professional chef and go to the school of choice Dixon stated, "It just seems like fun, plus I love to cook and I want to learn more about it and its techniques, and Scottsdale has one of the best culinary schools around."

During our interview, Dixon mentioned that she gained a lot of her experience through experimentation with her family.

"It's easy having them be my guinea pigs because they like trying new foods, and as long as I have a recipe, I'll try anything," Dixon said.

Although family was her main inspiration for having the



“My parents are pretty supportive of what I’m doing right now; they love all of the tables and cabinets I’m bringing home!”

-Mike Keiter



This is the cooking area in teacher Jodie Schepler’s room. The demonstration table is used to show students different techniques so they can repeat them in a lab.

aspirations that she does today, she also mentioned her old FACS teacher Jodie Schepler.

“I like Ms. Schepler because she was a good teacher and she gave us freedom. She was more than a foods teacher, she helped us on a personal level too.”

Mike Keiter, also a senior, credits his Tech Ed teacher Chris Knee for inspiring him to attend a Technical School.

When speaking of Knee Keiter said, “He’s a great teacher he’s always there to help.”

“These are great classes for kids who have trouble in others, I feel you learn more in here than any other class.” Keiter said.

Keiter has taken Industrial Tech, Woods, and Tech Ed all instructed by Knee.

“These classes were just something I chose to do and now I’m thinking about making a career out of them.”



Mike Keiter gets hands on in Metals class. Students usually fly solo in class unless there is additional help needed from the teacher.



# delivered to you

The  
yearbook  
staff  
worked  
extra hard  
this year to  
get the  
book out  
before  
school was  
over.

**a** April showers bring...your yearbook?

Wow. Who would have thought it could happen. Students receive their yearbook before walking out the door at the end of the year. This is a good thing, but it also has its drawbacks. Yes, the student body is excited that they get their yearbooks before school is out, but this means the book will be missing some important parts. Prom, graduation, baseball, and soccer are just a few. But never fear, we have thought of this. That is why a supplement will be arriving later.

"I like the idea of having the book come out in the spring because then we can get autographs, but you don't get to have all the end of year activities in it," sophomore Liz Howett said.

In addition to the missing parts, the staff has to work harder.

"As a staff, we have deadlines that we *have* to meet, whereas last year we had more time to complete our layouts because we didn't send the book into Herff Jones until the end of the school year," senior co-editor in chief Jill Rosenberger said.

"I don't think deadlines come that fast in yearbook," junior Amanda Allen said.

All the members of the yearbook staff were new this year, but that made the year challenging and exciting.

"We made changes, but it was at a good time because no one had to relearn anything," Rosenberger said.

We made some big changes in this yearbook, including having it done before school is out. Hope you enjoy it!



The entire yearbook staff. Ian Rohlwing, Liz Howett, Cassie Stammer, Elissa Robinson, Emily Tempel, Ashley Denham, Anessa Woods, Jill Rosenberger, Heidi Pierson, Nick Lovan, Morris Amara, Matt Larue, Carlisa Speed, Amanda Allen.





senior Anessa Woods



senior Matt Larue



junior Emily Tempel



sophomore Carlisa Speed



Perfecting the yearbook. Sophomore Elissa Robinson looks over a printed out version of her page. Yearbook students take a lot of time to make sure their pages look good.



Above: Using the computer in a different way. Junior Morris Amara surfs the internet and looks at soccer players. Amara enjoys playing soccer in his free time. Right: Yearbook advisor Timm Pilcher helps student Cassie Stammer with her page. This was Stammer's first year in yearbook.






Above: Taking learning to a new level. First year AP Psychology teacher Doug Wheeler hands Vice-principal Cindy Flesch a squirt bottle. To demonstrate the perception and sensation unit, Wheeler has Flesch wear goggles that skew her vision.

Right: While re-writing an essay for Nick Jackson's English class, senior Amanda Dolezal asks for assistance. Jackson is giving students a chance to re-do perviously graded essays.


Far right: Grading papers is a basic part of a teacher's job, even in a computer class. Judith Renoux is one of many teachers with pictures of their kids or grandkids as backgrounds on their computer screens.







# we are teachers



growing  
students  
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leaders

**T**eacher; one who gives knowledge or skill, one hired to teach. Teachers influence our lives more than we think about on a daily basis. They are here before school, after school and even on days when students are not in school. They do not teach for their own benefit, they teach for the benefit of their students. Without a teacher, students would not have dances, pep assemblies, clubs, organizations, anything. Teachers make everything possible.



Julie Abels  
Allen Albin  
Dana Andrews  
Linda Brown



Barb Campbell  
Phil Carlson  
Keresten Conn  
Connie Cook



Jenny Courtney  
Terri Dessauer  
Eric Donhowe  
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Janice Doudna  
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Alissa Kerr  
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Joan Mickle  
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Catie Miller  
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Maureen Murphy  
Maribeth Newman  
Janiece Ochoa  
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Ron Peterson  
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Susan Pille  
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Billy Proctor  
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Paul Ruby  
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Michelle Scoular  
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Shauna Soderstrum  
Edmundo Soliz  
Amy Stockton



Wendy Turner  
Doug Wheeler  
Carol Wiebeke



Bob Wilkerson  
Charles Zanders  
Beth Zavala





“June 3rd,2005,  
I’ll be there will  
you?”

-Steve Koch



“Excuses are  
rules of  
incompetence”  
-Bill Proctor



“Your job is to  
succeed and my  
job is to make you  
succeed”

-Terri Dessaur







Above: With a score of 21-0, the junior Powder Puff team beat the seniors. As has been a tradition for many years, the boys dressed up as cheerleaders and cheered on their girl Powder Puff players.

Far Right: Members of Prep Choir practice for a concert. Prep Choir is a choir designed for only freshmen so they can get used to the experience of singing in high school.  
Right: Sophomores watch their peers play in the dodgeball tournament at the spring sports assembly. The dodgeball teams consisted of four students from each grade. The freshman beat the sophomores and the juniors beat the seniors.







# we are individual



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**I**ndividual; a particular being or thing as distinguished from a class, species or collection. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are all separated into their own classes. There are so many different people, but they all still fall into one category, underclassmen. Among this group of underclassmen, there is a multitude of diversity and they are all individuals.



Latifa Abdul Wadud  
Christy Abels  
Amanda Achey  
Juan Acuna  
Chanel Adair  
Trevor Adams



Gina Adkisson  
Mary Aikoriegie  
Kamita Aldrich  
Kimberly Alex  
Edina Alicic  
Fodiyo Aliyu



Amanda Allen  
Andrew Allen  
Dallas Allen  
Hannah Allen  
Christian Alvarez  
Isha Amara



Morris Amara  
Iris Amaya  
Charles Anaal  
Eric Andersen  
Aleana Anderson  
Chase Anderson



Heather Anderson  
Ryan Anderson  
Alaina Andorf  
Jonathan Andorf  
Bridgette Andrews  
Mirela Anic



Brenda Argueta  
Jose Argueta  
Bianca Arreola  
Naqib Ashrafi  
Rafi Ashrafi  
Kadifa Atajic



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Carter Augustine  
Madison Austin  
Brenda Avila  
Guadalupe Ayala  
Barbara Baccam







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Shante Bailey  
 Enesa Bajrektarevic  
 Timothy Bales  
 Kaela Balius  
 Mitchell Ballard  
 Cardale Ballentine



Marlon Ballentine  
 Charlee Banghart  
 Terence Baptiste  
 Jessica Barge  
 Ricardos Baring, Jr.  
 Emily Barnhill



Zachary Barton  
 Jonathan Bates  
 Lindsey Batz  
 Adam Beaves  
 Jasmin Becirovic  
 Semir Becirovic



Jessica Bedard  
 Almir Beganovic  
 Kristine Beghtel  
 Tamisha Bekish  
 Lawrence Belger  
 Josh Bell



Preston Bell  
 Maria Bello  
 Ashley Bemisdarfer  
 Corey Bennett  
 Johnathon Bennett  
 Jesse Benson



Wendy Bernal  
 Bryce Berry  
 Chelsea Berry  
 Caitlin Betts  
 Ashley Bevington  
 David Bicket



Michael Bicket  
Mathew Bingaman  
Jacob Birdsell  
Elizabeth Blair  
Michael Boatwright  
Joseph Bockert



Darnell Bolden  
Darrius Bolden  
Fredy Bonilla  
Cassandra Boston  
Chad Boston  
Adam Bourland



Michael Boyd, Jr.  
Daniel Braak  
Joshua Bradley  
Ursula Brandt  
Whitney Brannon  
Jeffrey Brighton



Jeffrey Brittain  
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Hajrudin Mulauc  
Joseph Muldoon  
Jacob Munoz



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Tiara Ziegler



Adam Ziesmen  
Ines Zimic  
Michelle Zimmerman





Above: The senior class listens to their competition as underclassmen chant for the spirit stick. The senior's won their first spirit stick ever during the homecoming assembly.

Far right: Going all the way to Ottuma to support the boys basketball team, seniors **Jory Ringler, Jake Kenney, Doug Meyer, Ted Glynn, Kevin Fleming and Tyler Mericle** lead the dawg pound in a chant.

Right: Showing her spirit senior **Inisha Scott** wore a toga during homecoming week. It is tradition that seniors wear togas during Spirit Week.







unique  
inspiring  
artists  
diverse  
friends  
growing  
students  
involved  
athletic  
learning  
teachers  
individual  
leaders

# We are leaders

Leader; one that is foremost or that sets an example. This years seniors waited their turn to be the ones at the head of the school and setting the example for all the underclassmen. They led by example. School spirit, athletic talents and just plain having fun is what these seniors brought to the school this year. Without this talented class, the year would have lacked excitement.

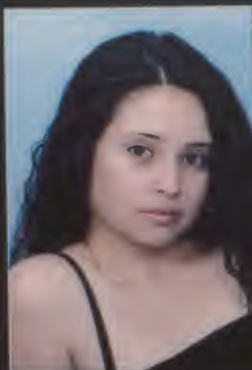




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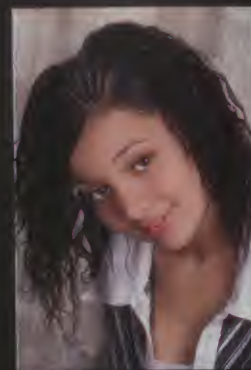
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Boehm



Jacob  
Bonesteel



Lauren  
Braune

"Make sure you get involved early and don't wait until your last year to have fun. And don't do drugs, they're bad!"  
-Jake English

# senior

"Get all of your important classes out of the way so that your senior year won't be difficult."  
-Lauren Braune

"Life isn't all about you. If you screw up, life goes on without you."  
-Bethany Hall





Taylor  
Brooks



Nicholas  
Bruce



Kelly  
Burk



Michael  
Burner



Megan  
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Julia  
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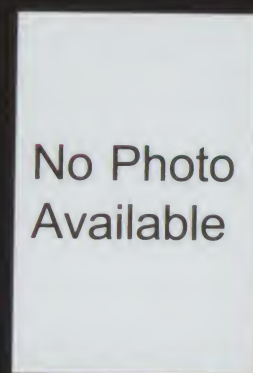
Austin  
Carr



Rolonda  
Carroll



Anthony  
Cataldo



Joseph  
Chapman



James  
Clark

"Always have goals toward college unless you want to be a poor hick or unless you're a genius. Also, don't drink a lot of liquids before a final, but if you do, then wear Depends."  
-Vinh Ly

"Stay focused on your work and your future ahead of you and never give up on school and drop out."  
-Shateara Poindexter

"Try not to slack off because I did. Now I have contracts and I have to go to all my classes or else I won't graduate."  
-Mandy Palmer

# advice





Allison  
Cochran



Semira  
Cocic



Cory  
Cockayne



Shawn  
Combes



Ashley  
Comer



Andrew  
Cox



Weston  
Cozad



Annie  
Craig



Katy  
Crawford



Damien  
Daman



Danielle  
Daniel



Dawnelle  
Daniel



Anna  
Danielson



Anh Tu  
Dao



Mariama  
Darboh

"Freshman year I was in the hotdog-eating contest at the assembly. I ate 18 hotdogs in one minute and 52 seconds."  
-Jory Ringler

memorable

"I would say that prom and graduation will be the most memorable."  
-Nermina Kadusic

"When I rode in the Beavertdale parade with Best Buddies in Mitch Smith's convertible."  
-Katie Knutson





Laura  
Darnielle



Erica  
Davis



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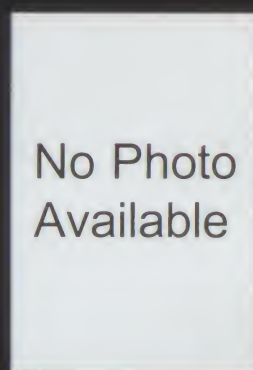


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Justin  
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Kassandra  
Ehlers



Steven  
Elliott



Jake  
English



Jack  
Erpelding



Gregory  
Ervanian

"Clearing out the people behind and next to me with my gas in pre-calculus."  
-Ben Lovan

"Putting band freshmen in trash cans."  
-Matt Potratz

"My most memorable and favorite moment would be sophomore year at the Hoover vs. Ankeny state qualifying game when Jeremy stole the ball with three seconds on the clock and shot the free throws with no time on the clock to take Hoover to state. That kid has a true heart."  
-Traci Reid

# moments





Kaitlyn  
Evans



Matthew  
Evans



Hollister  
Farrell



Kevin  
Fleming



Crystal  
Floden



Barikpe  
Fomsi



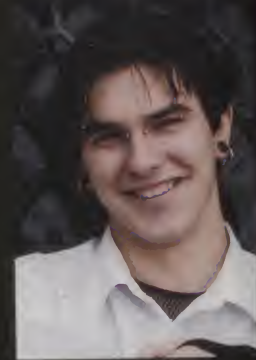
Heather  
Fosburgh



Jessica  
French



Sarah  
French



Zachary  
Fry



J'Sean  
Gaddy



Elizabeth  
Garland



Simon  
Gatkuoth



William  
Glazebrook



Edward  
Glynn

"Miss Shiek's English class was my favorite because when I first came here when I was a freshman she helped me out and I felt really comfortable in her class."

-Sebina Suvic

"Fashion at Central Campus because it's more like college."

-Danielle Kuhle

"American History, because I had a fun teacher Ms. Murphy that cared about her students and wanted everyone to pass."

-Tameka Hilson





Daniel  
Gross



Sedin  
Habibovic



Bethany  
Hall



Keith  
Hamil



Everly  
Harris



David  
Hebl-Bagshaw



Jeremy  
Hellickson



Phillippe  
Herriott



Tameka  
Hilson



Lisa  
Hiskey



Khuan  
Ho



Rebecca  
Homard



Amy  
Howland



Brittany  
Inman



A-Jay  
Ireland

"AP English. Mr. Jackson is a crazy  
redhead who knows just about  
everything regarding literature."

-Alex Robinson

"Newspaper. Mr. Pilcher is an excellent adviser and I like writing  
stories and interviewing people. Being on staff is great."

-Alex Mason

"Chemistry. It's  
interesting."

-Carrie Laidlaw

# classes





Alicia  
Irish



Aldijana  
Ivankovic



Becca  
Iversen



Connor  
Jackson



Lisa  
Jefferson



Ryland  
Jewett



Amber  
Johnson



Molly  
Jolly



Christina  
Jones



Katie  
Jones



Nermina  
Kadusic



Christie  
Kafer



Logan  
Karsten



Michael  
Keiter



Cory  
Kenyon

"My junior year when the cheerleaders were going to do a dance, but our music didn't start and we just stood there looking like idiots."

-Heidi Pearson

"When I passed out at All-State speech contest my sophomore year."

-David Willer

"Tripping for no apparent reason even if no one's around and just falling."

-Stacie Nelson

# absolutely





Athen  
Kimberlin



Megan  
Kirschbaum



Katie  
Knutson



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Kuburas



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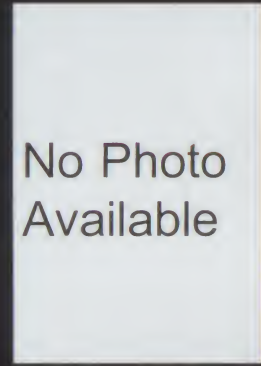
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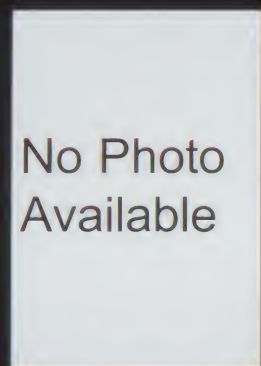


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"When I tripped and fell on stage during the fall play my junior year."

-Lawrell Birk

"When I missed the flip turn in a swimming meet."

-Inisha Scott

"I was shoved by a 'friend' into a locker and had a huge 'L' shaped rip in the seat of my pants. I'd like to think that 'L' stood for 'Lisa.'"

-Lisa Jefferson

# embarrassing





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Vanessa  
Lewis



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Richard  
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McGruder



Kyla  
McKenzie



Elijah  
Medina



Osman  
Mehmedovic

"Don't believe rumors and don't judge people  
before you get to know them."  
-Lisa Hiskey

"Don't date stupid people."  
-Zach Lawrence

"I've learned that everything happens for a  
reason and no matter what, you can't  
change the past. People will change and so  
will you, but as long as you're true to  
yourself, nothing else matters. Life goes  
on."  
- Jill Rosenberger

# Lessons





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Stacie  
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Elisabeth  
Neuwerth

"Always ask questions. If you don't know, ask. And if you don't agree, challenge. That's part of growing up."

-Jessica Welter

"Studying will help you in a lot of situations for your future."

-Shateara Poindexter

"If you can't beat them, have someone else beat them for you."

-David Hebl-Bagshaw

# learned





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Nikolas



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Bach  
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Heidi  
Pierson



Shateara  
Poindexter



Matthew  
Potratz



Kenneth  
Quinn

"Homework senior year. Throughout the first three years I barely had any homework."  
-Jessica French

"When my best friends dropped out and left me here. I'm lost without them."  
-Cassandra Stammer

"The annoying daily repetition of a high school day. We do the same routine every day."  
-Chris Adams

# worst





Corey  
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Jory  
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Alex  
Robinson



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Megan  
Russell



Charles  
Saini



Anthony  
Sampson



William  
Sangster



Vildana  
Saric



Carlos  
Saunders



Sara  
Schoneberg

"Going out for football in tenth grade. There was only six sophomores that went out and we were forced to play varsity where I would get my (butt) whooped every day by Joe Mangold and Brandon Franklin."  
-Gregory Ervanian

part

"The worst part was making it here almost every day. Working late and waking up early takes its toll."  
-Mat Overton

"The ACT. It took forever."  
-Mike Solinger





Inisha  
Scott



Raeque'sha  
Scott



Ellis  
Simpson



Michael  
Sinkler



Michael  
Solinger



Cassandra  
Stammer



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Adina  
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Suljic



Sebina  
Suvic



Senid  
Tabakovic



Robert  
Tant

"I would not change anything because things happened for a reason."

-Annie Craig

"If I could go back and change anything, I would get involved in more different activities. Each time you join a new activity you get to know people you never knew before."

-Kelly Burk

"I would change the fact that I didn't play football my sophomore year or basketball all four years."

-Mitch Rundle

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"I would have enjoyed each and every moment to the fullest and not complained about anything because everything happens for a reason."  
 -Semira Cocio  
 "I wish I would have done an awesome senior prank. Something legendary."  
 -Jack Erpelding  
 "I would have spent more time with friends because a lot of them I will never see again."  
 -Matt Evans

# nge the past





David  
Willer



Stephanie  
Williams



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Ashlee  
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Anessa  
Woods



Michelle  
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Janelle  
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Dimitrick  
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LeeAnn  
Johnson



Enisa  
Jukic



Mitch  
Rundle



Ashley  
Shelton



So  
Yeah



# senior class facts:

☒ class motto: you live your life only once, but if lived right, once is enough

☒ graduation date: June 3, 2005

prom date: April 30, 2005

☒ class size: 220

☒ class colors: silver and turquoise

☒ class flower: lily

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Mom, Jake, and Jess



**Anna Danielson**

Anna, It's time to put on those ruby red slippers again and head off down the yellow brick road. We're so proud of all your accomplishments and can't wait to watch as you move over the rainbow to find all your dreams. We love ya, Mom and Dad, Jason and Sara, Greg and Toni



**Kelly Burk**

Kelly,  
From the day you were born I knew you were special. You've got a smile that can brighten anybody's day. I love you and you are my best friend.  
Mom



**Crystal Floden**

Crystal --  
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you! Keep up the great work and nothing will stand in the way of your dreams.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Tammy, Chad, and Jeannie



**James Clark**

James,  
Full of laughter and great qualities. Choose the right path in life and you will go far. Follow your dreams...  
We're so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Heather Fosburgh**

Heather,  
Always remember to be yourself, as there is only one Heather Fosburgh in this world. We cherish you and are tremendously proud of you. Go with God and be happy.  
Love always and forever,  
Mom and Dad



**Andrew Cox**

"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."  
--Steve Jobs  
You have always have the most exciting vision. May it continue to pull you on. Love, Mom and Dad



**Jessica French**

Jetka,  
Best of luck in the future! We are all very proud of you and love you lots.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Angela, Grandma, and Papa





**Will Glazebrook**

"We prayed for this child,  
and the Lord has granted  
us what we asked of you."  
--1 Samuel 1:27  
Willie, keep making  
miracles in your life! We  
are proud of you!  
Love from,  
Dad, Mom, and the Willie  
fan club



**Christie Kafer**

Christie,  
We are so proud of you!  
Stay focused on your goals  
and dreams and remember  
nothing is beyond your  
reach!  
With love always,  
Mom, Dad, and Caleb



**Jeremy  
Hellickson**

Jeremy, We are so proud  
of you and your  
accomplishments. We're  
excited about your future.  
Set your goals high, keep  
working hard, and the  
sky's the limit. Thank God  
everyday for everything you  
have. We love you very  
much, Dad and Stevi



**Athen Kimberlin**

Athen (Pee-wee),  
We are a gift you have  
always treasured. Your  
kindness, strength,  
intelligence, and humor are  
just some of the things that  
we cherish daily. Live, love,  
and be happy ... you are a  
terrific young man. Love ya  
"oodles and noodles",  
Mom, Dad, and Evan



**Jeremy  
Hellickson**

Jeremy, We love you and are  
proud of you. God has given  
you special talents and your  
dedication and enthusiasm  
has given us much joy. Love  
from your #1 fans, Grandma  
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Lauri, Auntie Victoria, Uncle  
Markie, and cousins Joe,  
Amanda, Corey, Sophia,  
Frankie, and Vinnie



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Megan, Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you and  
the beautiful person you are  
inside and out! You have  
such a positive attitude and  
touch many lives in special  
ways. Your strong spirit will  
carry you far. We're always  
here cheering you on. Love  
Mom, Alison, and Kyle



**Lisa Hiskey**

To our dearest Lisa,  
You have grown from our  
little miracle baby into a  
wonderful, confident young  
lady. Your happy, caring  
nature is a joy to all. We are  
so proud of you. Keep  
smilin' babe!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Katie Knutson**

You have worked hard and  
accomplished a lot. Have a  
great future and be happy!  
Love, Teri, Kenny, Jesse,  
Jennifer, Tana, Mom, and  
Grandmother





**Carrie Laidlaw**

Congrats to my baby girl!  
Thanks for getting it done.  
I'll always be your biggest  
fan. You CAN do anything  
you set your mind on.

Love,  
Mom



**Rachel Millard**

Rachel Lynn,  
Never sit it out -- always  
dance! This is the time of  
your life. Live your dreams,  
they will come true. We're  
so proud of you!  
All our love always,  
Mom and Leslie



**Vanessa Lewis**

To Vanessa Shantel Lewis:  
first nickname butterball, when  
you grew older you became  
sunshine. I noticed at your  
younger age that you have the  
drive to achieve. You have  
proven that by using your  
skills, knowledge, and  
pleasant attitude. The Lewis  
and Smith family are very  
proud of you. Love, Mom



**Rachel Millard**

Rachel,  
We are so proud of you. Let  
no one hold you back. Your  
dreams are attainable.  
We love you,  
Dad, LeaAnn, Leslie,  
Elizabeth, little Rachel, and  
Sam  
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**David Light**

David,  
We are so proud of you  
and your accomplishments.  
You have brought us much  
joy and happiness. Follow  
your dreams and believe in  
yourself.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sarah, and  
Emily



**Doug Meyer**

Doug,  
You rock!

With love and pride,  
Mom, Dad, and Jeff



**Ben Lovan**

Ben,  
You bring great joy into our  
lives. We are proud of the  
young man you have  
become. We have been  
blessed with a son and a  
brother like you.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Katie



**Drew Neal**

We are so proud of you.  
You are our sunshine.  
Believe in yourself, live  
each day to the fullest, and  
with God's blessings  
success is assured.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Ashley





**Stacie Nelson**

Live, love, and prosper.

We love you,  
Mom and Dad



**Matt Potratz**

Matt,  
Remember that you are  
loved and will always be  
loved for who you are.  
Enjoy life -- It's just getting  
started.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Amy



**Elise Neuwerth**

Elise, Congratulations! You  
have been a joy in our lives  
since the day you were born.  
You are a beautiful, bright, and  
unique daughter and we are  
so very proud of you. You are  
on the right track. Believe in  
yourself and you can do  
unbelievable things. Love  
you always, Mom, Dad, and  
Jamie



**Caroline Rendon**

Caroline,  
You started out fabulous and  
you just keep getting better.  
We're so proud of you.

Love,  
Dad and Mom



**Heidi Pierson**

Heidi, We are very proud of  
the person you have become.  
Always do your best, live  
...laugh ... love, remember  
what "faith" is. Be safe and  
know we love you so very  
much. It's been an honor and  
a privilege. God bless you in  
all you do. Love, Mom, Dad,  
Hilly, and E.B.



**Alex Robinson**

From our baby in his  
stroller, to a teenage rock  
'n' roller; swinging, singing,  
laughing, reading, your  
parents are proud of this  
life you're leading!



**Shatera  
Poindexter**

I can't believe it's that time  
already. I'm so proud of  
you. Good luck in school  
and all that you do.  
Love,  
Mom



**Jill Rosenberger**

Beanie, We're so proud of  
all you've accomplished and  
the wonderful person you  
have become. Good luck in  
everything you do, we know  
you will succeed.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Joe and Emily





**Charles Saini**

Charles,  
It has been an honor and a  
privilege to be your  
mother as you journey into  
a wonderful future. May you  
always know how very  
loved you are! You have  
made us all proud.  
Love, Furrie blue Mom,  
Sara, and the whole family



**Jeff Stockton**

Congratulations!  
We are very proud of you.

Love,  
Dad and Mom



**Anthony Sampson**

Tony,  
Follow your dreams  
and you will  
accomplish great  
things. We will love  
you forever!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Christopher, Angie,  
And Jessie



**Kyle Whalert**

#14 Kyle Whalert Racing

The race has only just  
begun and you are in the  
drivers seat. You have  
many laps ahead of you so  
go and enjoy the racing life.  
Your biggest fans.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Melissa



**Sara Schoneberg**

Wishing you the best.  
We're so proud of how  
you've grown to be a  
confident young woman.  
Go for your dreams.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Peter



**Tykesha White**

Always been my baby girl  
Now a successful young  
lady with a positive attitude  
and potential. Good luck in  
college and becoming a  
pediatric RN.  
Love,  
your Mom



**Inisha Scott**

You have grown into a  
beautiful lady and some day  
similar to this picture you'll  
be packing and ready for  
life's adventures.  
God bless you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Stephanie Williams**

Stephanie Nicole Williams,  
We are so proud of you! You  
have a bright future ahead of  
you. Your family will always  
be there for you. May all your  
dreams come true.  
Love,  
Natasha, Patricia, Eddy,  
and Steva





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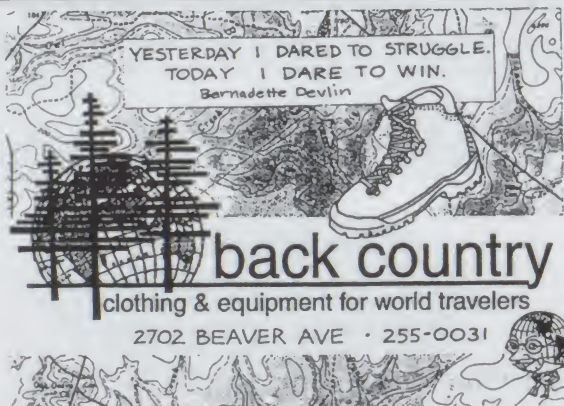
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